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GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 18)

Awards of Distinguished Service Cross.....I
Award of Soldier's Medal.....II

I -- AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, A Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to each of the following named officers and enlisted men:

(From folder)
Edward McCrackin, (0351543), First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, Company ***, ***, Engineer Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. On *** November, 1942, in the vicinity of ***, French Morocco, First Lieutenant McCrackin saved from drowning one of his sergeants and two unidentified men while under enemy aircraft fire during landing operations. Speeding toward the shore in a heavy surf, the landing craft, filled with soldiers, struck a sand bar just as it was being attacked by enemy aircraft. The coxswain dropped the ramp, and the landing boat became partially filled with water. The men made for shore, but the heavy surf drove some of them back. As the sergeant was struggling in the heavy surf, First Lieutenant McCrackin rescued him and returned him to the boat, and assisted in performing artificial respiration. First Lieutenant McCrackin appeared to be wounded from the enemy aircraft fire, but did not permit the men to examine him. While the other men in the boat continued to administer artificial respiration to the sergeant, First Lieutenant McCrackin rescued an unidentified soldier. Again, when strafed by enemy aircraft fire, First Lieutenant McCrackin received a wound in the thigh. After having the wound dressed he took position at a machine gun and fired on the enemy aircraft with the aid of one of the soldiers. Even though wounded, First Lieutenant McCrackin maintained himself for a time long enough to assist in rescuing another unidentified man, a sailor, before being placed in another landing boat, completely exhausted. His coolness and courage under fire were a profound inspiration to the members of his unit and reflect high credit upon him and his unit. (Medal No. 8230).

Walter J. Burns, (01288356), Second Lieutenant, Corps of Military Police, ***, Military Police Company. For extraordinary heroism in action above and beyond the call of duty. In the early morning of *** November 1942, at ***, French Morocco, Second Lieutenant Burns, while enroute ashore with a landing party, voluntarily exposed himself to heavy fire from an enemy warship at a distance of only twenty yards in order to take the helm of the boat after the coxswain had been wounded. Second Lieutenant Burns calmly guided the boat toward shore under the instructions of the wounded coxswain, and in so doing received a severe thigh wound from enemy shell fire. Even after being wounded and thrown from the controls, he again returned to take the wheel. When it became evident that the boat could not reach shore, Second Lieutenant Burns retained control of

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the situation, and with coolness that was a great inspiration to the men he commanded, he gave the order to abandon ship. An instant later the boat was shot out of the water by enemy shell fire. (Medal No. 8239).

Stanley Grzesik, (12022868), Private First Class, Company ***, *** Infantry, did at ***, Algeria, on *** November 1942, distinguish himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. He, of his own volition, and disregarding his own safety, crossed a field of machine gun fire and rescued a comrade who had been wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class Grzesik pulled his comrade down the side of an embankment where he administered first aid. When mortar and artillery shells fell within ten yards of their position, he further protected his comrade by covering his comrade's body with his own body. (Medal No. 8267).

Albert I. Nendza, (12014288), Private First Class, Company ***, *** Infantry, on two occasions did at ***, Algeria, on *** November 1942, distinguish himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. He, of his own volition and without command, disregarding his personal safety, crossed an open field which offered no cover, under heavy fire, and captured four hostile snipers; this act of heroism permitted the unhampered advance of his platoon. A short time later, again on his own initiative, Private First Class Nendza crossed three hundred yards of open terrain covered by close enemy fire, and captured at the point of his bayonet a machine gun nest, thereby saving his comrades from the danger of ambush. (Medal No. 8269).

Enibel Irizarry, (12021032), Private, Company ***, *** Infantry, did at ***, Algeria, on *** November 1942, distinguish himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. Private Irizarry noted an enemy machine gun holding up the advance of his company. On his own initiative and without command, he worked himself forward to a position where he could attack the enemy machine gun at close range. He silenced the machine gun and killed the entire crew with his automatic rifle. During the last burst of fire of his weapon, he was seriously wounded by fire from another enemy machine gun. (Medal No. 8280).

Norman H. MacLennan, (31068764), Technician Fifth Grade, *** Company, *** Infantry, did at ***, Algeria, on *** November 1942, distinguish himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. Technician Fifth Grade MacLennan, after driving his self-propelled assault gun through the town of ***, and while returning to rejoin the attacking battalion, sustained an injury when his vehicle was hit by direct fire from an enemy 75mm gun, forcing the vehicle out of control and causing it to crash against a concrete wall. He received a fractured hip in this crash, but managed to crawl from his vehicle. As he left the mount, while under enemy fire, he threw a lighted match into the wreckage, with utter disregard for his personal safety, thereby setting the vehicle on fire and preventing the enemy from using the armament with its normal load of ammunition. He, with his clothing on fire, was then dragged away by members of his section to the security of the building where they were rescued one day later when *** fell. (Medal No. 8287).

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II -- AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

Vincent M. Calabrese, (32065443), Sergeant, Battery ***, *** Coast Artillery Battalion (AA). For extraordinary heroism. On *** December 1942, near the city of ***, Algeria, with utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Calabrese voluntarily seized a corporal whose person was enveloped in flames caused by burning alcohol from a container which had exploded. The corporal's hair and sweater were ablaze, causing such extreme pain that the corporal lost his self control and began to run. Sergeant Calabrese overtook the corporal, threw him to the ground and smothered the flames with his body and hands, thereby sustaining second degree burns about the body and first degree burns about the face and head. This heroic act saved the life of his comrade. His bravery is a splendid example to the members of his organization. (Medal No. 2143).

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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AWARDS OF AIR MEDALS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal is awarded to each of the following named Officers and Enlisted Men:

Francie W. Helt, (0397097), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, **** Observation Squadron, distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight on January *** 1943 as a member of the crew of an airplane that sighted and sank, by means of depth charges, a submarine in the Western Mediterranean.

Robert H. Wilder, (0379313), First Lieutenant, Air Corps, **** Observation Squadron, distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight on January *** 1943 as a member of the crew of an airplane that sighted and sank, by means of depth charges, a submarine in the Western Mediterranean.

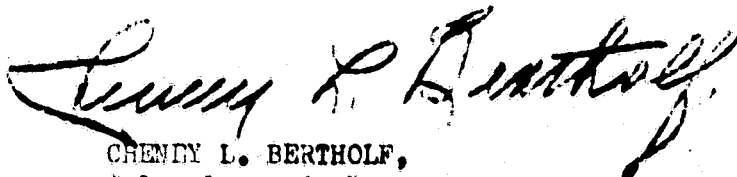
Barney O. Coyote, Jr., (19055970), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps, **** Observation Squadron, distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight on January *** 1943 as a member of the crew of an airplane that sighted and sank, by means of depth charges, a submarine in the Western Mediterranean.

Chester D. Cahill, (38032271), Sergeant, Air Corps, **** Observation Squadron, distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight on January *** 1943 as a member of the crew of an airplane that sighted and sank, by means of depth charges, a submarine in the Western Mediterranean.

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3 March 1943

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AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDALS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named Enlisted Men:

John W. McIntree, (20275965), Corporal, Battery ***, *** Coast Artillery (AA). For heroism not involved in actual conflict with the enemy. Corporal McIntree, on *** January 1943, at ***, French Morocco, at great risk to himself and above and beyond the call of duty, aided in the rescue of three members of a crashed and burning A-20-A United States Bomber. In order to remove the crew members from the plane it was first necessary to remove a great deal of wreckage. During this time the burning plane was fully loaded with gasoline, ammunition, depth charges and bombs which might have exploded at any minute, and which did explode within a very few minutes after the crew had been rescued. (Medal #2153)

Roger Bowman, 35280072, Technician Grade Five, Battery ***, *** Coast Artillery (AA). For heroism not involved in actual conflict with the enemy. Technician Grade Five Roger Bowman, 35280072, Battery ***, *** Coast Artillery (AA), on *** January 1943, at ***, French Morocco, at great risk to himself and above and beyond the call of duty, aided in the rescue of three members of a crashed and burning A-20-A United States Bomber. In order to remove the crew members from the plane it was necessary to remove a great deal of wreckage. During this time the burning plane was fully loaded with gasoline, ammunition, depth charges, and bombs which might have exploded at any minute and which did explode within a very few minutes after the crew had been rescued. (Medal #2084)

Edward Marek, 11009822, Private First Class, Battery ***, *** Coast Artillery (AA). For heroism not involved in actual conflict with the enemy. Private First Class Edward Marek, 11009822, Battery ***, *** Coast Artillery (AA), on *** January 1943, at ***, French Morocco, at great risk to himself and above and beyond the call of duty, aided in the rescue of three members of a crashed and burning A-20-A United States Bomber. In order to remove the crew members from the plane it was first necessary to remove a great deal of wreckage. During this time the burning plane was fully loaded with gasoline, ammunition, depth charges, and bombs which might have exploded at any minute and which did explode within a very few minutes after the crew had been rescued. (Medal #2147)

Charles W. Ahern, 31040478, Private First Class, Battery ***, *** Coast Artillery (AA). For heroism not involved in actual conflict with the enemy. Private First Class Charles W. Ahern, 31040478, Battery ***, *** Coast Artillery (AA), on *** January 1943, at ***, French Morocco at great risk to himself and above and beyond the call of duty, aided in the rescue of three members of a crashed

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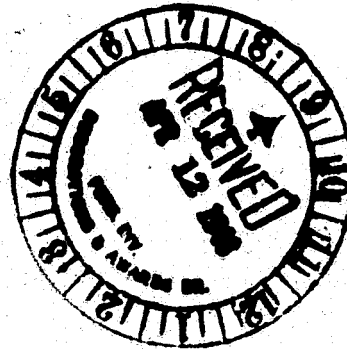
and burning A-20-A United States Bomber. In order to remove the crew members from the plane it was first necessary to remove a great deal of wreckage. During this time the burning plane was fully loaded with gasoline, ammunition, depth charges, and bombs which might have exploded at any minute and which did explode within a very few minutes after the crew had been rescued. (Medal #2142)

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GENERAL ORDERS)

24 March 1943

NO. 33.)

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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted man:

William H. Bray, (18031830), Private, Company ***, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. On *** November 1942, at ***, French Morocco, Private Bray, of his own volition and without command, disregarding his personal safety, advanced under fire to a position where he could obtain vital information concerning the nature and source of the enemy fire that had his entire platoon pinned to the ground. Upon obtaining this information he left the safety of his position and returned to his unit. As he was returning he incurred four severe wounds. In spite of his wounds, he attempted to crawl back to inform his platoon leader what he had learned of the enemy positions. He died later the same day from his wounds. His courage and devotion to duty were a profound inspiration to the members of his unit and reflect high credit upon him and the military service.

II -- AWARD OF SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named enlisted men:

Clarence T. Welch, (32040000), First Sergeant, *** Signal Company (Spec1). For gallantry in action. On *** November 1942, at ***, ***, south of ***, French Morocco, First Sergeant Welch, boat team commander of boat team number ***, with two other enlisted men, returned, after making a safe landing under enemy artillery fire, to save the life of a member of his unit who, in a helpless condition with compound fracture of the leg, was being washed out to sea by the undertow. Still under enemy artillery fire, and with complete disregard for his own safety, First Sergeant Welch remained with the soldier until splints had been applied and the man removed to the first aid station. This action reflects great credit upon him and the military service. (Medal #19943)

Robert E. Baldridge, (34153470), Staff Sergeant, *** Signal Company (Spec1). For gallantry in action. On *** November 1942, at ***, ***, south of ***, French Morocco, Staff Sergeant Baldridge, team chief of the signal detachment, with two other enlisted men, returned, after making a safe landing under enemy artillery fire, to save the life of a member of his unit who, in helpless condition with a compound fracture of the leg, was being washed out to sea by the undertow. Still under enemy artillery fire, and with complete disregard for his own safety, Staff

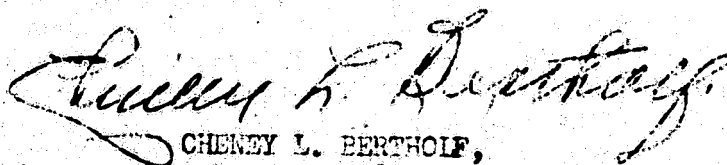
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Sergeant Baldrige remained with the soldier until splints had been applied and the man removed to the first aid station. This action reflects great credit upon him and the military service. (Medal #19920)

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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted man:

Stephen J. Mulhall, (12006981), Corporal, Company ***, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. On *** November 1942, at ***, Algeria, Corporal Mulhall volunteered to go as gunner with his platoon leader and a patrol to investigate the effects of the Company's fire. The officer halted the vehicle and, as he advanced on foot toward a group of enemy who were taking cover nearby, he and his patrol were immediately fired upon by another group of enemy in a nearby house. The officer and some of the members of the patrol were wounded. Under heavy fire, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Corporal Mulhall attempted to rescue the wounded officer. Although mortally wounded in this attempt, he refused aid for himself and ordered the remaining men of the patrol to take care of those who had been wounded. His courage under fire, his devotion to duty and his thoughtfulness for others reflect the highest credit upon him and the military service.

II -- AWARDS OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officer and each of the following named enlisted men:

James H. Cameron, (01284286), Second Lieutenant, Headquarters Company, *** Battalion Landing Team, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** November 1942, at ***, French Morocco, Second Lieutenant Cameron, under the fire of enemy machine guns and snipers, from the hills north of the harbor of ***, French Morocco, voluntarily led two men across open terrain to clear enemy snipers from a barricaded house. By continuous maneuvering for a period of over an hour, during which time it was necessary to expose himself to enemy fire, Second Lieutenant Cameron led his men into a position from which they were able to attack and enter the house. This action resulted in the wounding of one man, the capture of a Marine Captain, thirteen men, two machine guns, numerous rifles, hand grenades and large quantities of ammunition. The elimination of this enemy stronghold reduced the volume of fire directed at troops leaving the beaches. On another occasion that day, Second Lieutenant Cameron voluntarily led one soldier in an attack across open terrain on an enemy machine gun nest situated along the wall of a house. This attack forced the enemy machine gun crew to withdraw and enabled assaulting troops to continue their advance to their objective. On the third occasion that day Second Lieutenant Cameron voluntarily led three soldiers against snipers hiding in native stone houses, who were firing on guards stationed around

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a captured arsenal. In this action Second Lieutenant Cameron captured three prisoners, with rifles and ammunition, and removed the threat to the safety of the arsenal guards. On the fourth occasion the same day Second Lieutenant Cameron voluntarily led three soldiers across open ground to a position from which they could attack an enemy machine gun nest. This action resulted in the death of three of the enemy and the elimination of a gun which was bringing fire on troops debarking from a wave of landing boats on the beach. (Medal #8276)

Harrison M. Gardler, (13007601), Staff Sergeant, Headquarters, *** Battalion, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** November 1942, at ***, French Morocco, Staff Sergeant Gardler, perceived that the men of the heavy weapons company were exhausted by their run across the beach through deep soft sand and were pinned down by the fire of enemy machine guns and snipers from the cliffs commanding ***, at the harbor of ***, French Morocco. Staff Sergeant Gardler voluntarily left a place of safety and exposed himself to this fire to assist the Battalion Commander in directing them to their objective. Later the same day, Staff Sergeant Gardler, under the fire of enemy machine guns and snipers, voluntarily crossed open terrain to capture a sniper located beside the wall of a house overlooking the draw along which our troops were advancing. This action resulted in our troops being able to advance with greater safety. Following this action, Staff Sergeant Gardler, under constant fire, led four soldiers in an attack on the Signal Headquarters. The success of this attack resulted in the wounding of two men, the capture of a Marine Commandant, three other officers twenty men, and huge quantities of rifles, pistols, machine guns, automatic rifle and ammunition. Directly following this action Staff Sergeant Gardler voluntarily led three men against enemy snipers located in the concrete control room of a 75mm battery commanding ***. The volume and accuracy of fire delivered by them resulted in the wounding of one man, and the surrender of an officer and twelve soldiers, the capture of the 75mm battery, large stocks of ammunition, rifles, automatic rifles, grenades, and revolvers. On a fifth occasion, later the same day, Staff Sergeant Gardler, with another soldier, brought about the surrender of a sniper and the capture of rifles and ammunition. (Medal #8282)

Sherman S. Spear, (32040951), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, *** Battalion Landing Team, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** November 1942, at ***, French Morocco, Private First Class Spear, with two others, voluntarily crossed open terrain to clear enemy snipers from a barricaded house. By continuous maneuvering for a period of over an hour, during which time it was frequently necessary to expose himself to enemy fire, Private First Class Spear, with the others, gained a position from which they could enter the house. This action resulted in the wounding of one soldier, the capture of a Marine Captain, thirteen men, two machine guns, numerous rifles, hand grenades and large quantities of ammunition. The elimination of this enemy stronghold reduced the volume of fire directed at troops leaving the beaches. On another occasion that day, Private First Class Spear voluntarily crossed open terrain in an attack on an enemy machine gun nest situated along the wall of a house, forcing the enemy to withdraw and enabling our troops to continue to advance on their objective. On the third occasion that day Private First Class Spear, with three others, voluntarily attacked snipers who were hiding in native stone houses and firing on guards stationed around a captured arsenal. In this action, Private First Class Spear helped capture three prisoners, with rifles and ammunition, and removed the threat to the arsenal guards. On the fourth occasion the same day, Private First Class Spear, with three others, voluntarily crossed open terrain to a position from which they could attack an enemy machine gun nest. This action resulted in

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the death of three of the enemy and the elimination of a gun which was bringing fire on troops debarking from a wave of landing boats on the beach. (Medal #8278)

Ervin B. Player, (14022726), Private First Class, Company ***, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** November 1942, at ***, French Morocco, Private First Class Player, with others, voluntarily crossed open terrain under enemy fire to attack an enemy radio station and Signal Headquarters. The success of this attack resulted in the wounding of two men, the capture of a Marine Commandant, three other officers, twenty men, and huge quantities of rifles, pistols, machine guns, automatic rifles and ammunition. Directly following this action, Private First Class Player, with three others, voluntarily attacked enemy snipers located in the concrete control room of a 75mm battery commanding ***. The volume and accuracy of fire delivered by them resulted in the wounding of one man and the surrender of an officer and twelve soldiers, the capture of the 75mm battery, large stocks of ammunition, rifles, automatic rifles, grenades and revolvers. On the third occasion that day, Private First Class Player, and two others, voluntarily worked their way across open terrain, exposed to enemy fire, to a position from which they were able to enter a barricaded house held by enemy snipers. This action resulted in the wounding of one soldier, the capture of a Marine Captain, thirteen men, two machine guns, numerous rifles, hand grenades, and large quantities of ammunition. The elimination of this enemy stronghold reduced the volume of fire directed at troops leaving the beaches. On another occasion that day, Private First Class Player, while assisting two others in an attack on a house occupied by snipers perceived that the others were pinned down by fire from two enemy machine guns. Despite the fire from these machine guns and the persistent sniping he worked his way across open terrain to secure assistance for them. (Medal #8265)

By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:

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GENERAL ORDERS)

11 June 1943

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AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDALS..... I
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT..... II

I -- AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDALS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named Enlisted Men:

Martin F. Hachfeld, (37305026), Battery ***, *** Coast Artillery Battalion. For heroism not involved in actual conflict with the enemy. Sergeant Hachfeld, on *** April 1943, at ***, Algeria, at great risk to himself, above and beyond the call of duty, by his quick thinking and immediate action saved from extensive injury and death a fellow soldier, who, while cleaning a machine gun, accidentally ignited the cleaning fluid. The resulting fire blinded him, covering both him and the room in which he was working with flames. Sergeant Hachfeld, at grave risk to his own life, entered the burning room, removed the injured soldier, and smothered the flames before mortal injuries were suffered. This action is exemplary of the high standard of mental alertness and courage of the members of the Army of the United States. Residence at time of induction: Faribault, Minnesota. (Medal #2187)

William (NMI) Vitaliano, (32259/54), Battery ***, *** Coast Artillery Regiment (AA). For heroism not involved in actual conflict with the enemy. Technician 4th Grade Vitaliano, on *** April 1943, at ***, Algeria, at great risk to himself, above and beyond the call of duty, by his quick thinking and immediate action saved from extensive injury and death a fellow soldier who, while cleaning a machine gun, accidentally ignited the cleaning fluid. The resulting fire blinded him, covering both him and room in which he was working with flames. Technician 4th Grade Vitaliano, at grave risk to his own life, entered the burning room, removed the injured soldier, and smothered the flames before mortal injuries were suffered. This action is exemplary of the high standard of mental alertness and courage of the members of the Army of the United States. Residence at time of induction: Long Branch, New Jersey. (Medal #2249)

John (NMI) Casteel, (35373181), Battery ***, *** Coast Artillery Battalion. For heroism not involved in actual conflict with the enemy. Corporal Casteel, on *** April 1943, at ***, French Morocco, heard a plane crash about 500 yards from his gun position. Despite the heavy fog, Corporal Casteel, with a [unclear], located the wreckage and, heedless of the numerous explosions within the wreckage, carried two of the crew who were lying near the plane to safety and gave them first aid treatment. Hearing a shout, Corporal Casteel, with the aid of his comrade, entered the flaming wreckage, knowing it contained explosives, [unclear]

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great risk to his own safety brought another member of the crew to safety. This action is exemplary of the high standard of mental alertness and courage of the members of the Army of the United States. Residence at time of enlistment, Metamora, Indiana. (Medal #2190)

Wilbur O. Beckman, (35153946), Company ***, *** Quartermaster Amphibian Battalion. For heroism not involved in actual conflict with the enemy. Technician 5th Grade Beckman, on *** March 1943, at ***, Algeria, at great risk to himself and above and beyond the call of duty, by his quick thinking and immediate action saved from extensive injury and death the life of a fellow soldier whose clothing was ignited by burning gasoline and who had further endangered his person by running through the area in panic. Technician 5th Grade Beckman, caught the flaming soldier, threw him to the ground, and extinguished the flames before mortal injuries were suffered. This action is exemplary of the high standard of mental alertness and courage of the members of the Army of the United States. Residence at enlistment: Marion, Indiana. (Medal #2219)

II -- ANNOUNCEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT

COLONEL DONALD W. BRANN, 014592, G.S.C., is announced as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, this Headquarters, vice COLONEL MALCOLM R. KAMMERER, 016403, G.S.C., relieved.

By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:

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AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

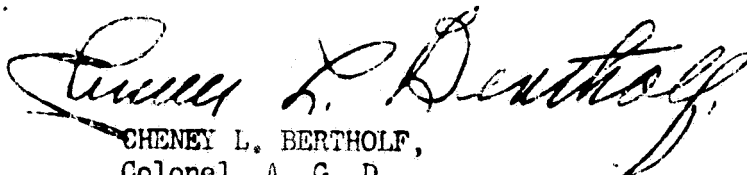
Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named Officer:

Edward W. Kennedy, (01307773), Second Lieutenant, Company **, *** Replacement Battalion. For heroism not involved in actual conflict with the enemy. Second Lieutenant Kennedy, on *** July 1943, at about *** hours at the beach at ***, French Morocco, at great risk to himself above and beyond the call of duty, entered into a highly dangerous surf and undertow and attempted to save the life of a drowning French soldier. The drowning man disappeared beneath the water before Lieutenant Kennedy had reached the spot. At the risk of his life, Lieutenant Kennedy searched but was unable to find him. The action of Lieutenant Kennedy is exemplary of the high standard of alertness and courage of the members of the Army of the United States. Residence: 39 Pearl Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts. (Medal #2231)

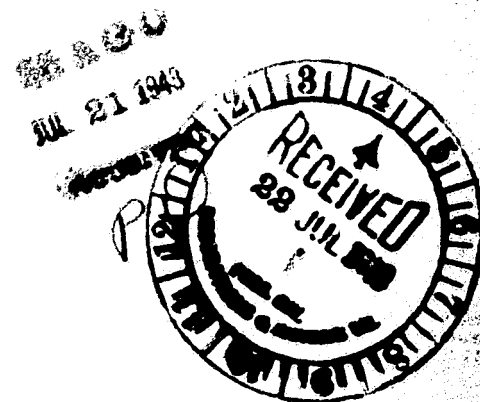
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I -- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted man:

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Robert F. Jones, (39161180), Sergeant, Company ***, *** Tank Destroyer Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action. During the period *** to *** March 1943, while engaged with enemy forces, his vehicles became separated from the remainder of his platoon, which was temporarily out of action. Sergeant Jones volunteered to assist Company ***, *** Armored Regiment in combating enemy tanks and anti-tank guns. He continuously and deliberately disregarded his own welfare in making personal reconnaissance while under heavy enemy fire in order to direct the positioning of his vehicles. He destroyed six enemy tanks and one 88mm gun. On *** March 1943 Sergeant Jones was killed while in action against three enemy tanks. The aggressive and fearless leadership, constant devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Jones reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces and are deserving of the highest praise. Residence at time of induction: Los Angeles, California.

II -- AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to each of the following named enlisted men:

Gerry H. Kisters, (35150942), Staff Sergeant, Troop ***, *** Reconnaissance Squadron. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** May 1943, near ***, Tunisia, Staff Sergeant Kisters made several individual reconnaissance missions, returning each time with timely and valuable information concerning location of artillery emplacements. Alone, and while subjected to enemy heavy artillery and concentrated machine gun fire, and individual rifle fire, Staff Sergeant Kisters kept forward on an artillery piece which was firing on our forces near ***. By the effective use of his hand grenades and rifle, Staff Sergeant Kisters wiped out the entire crew. The extraordinary heroism, initiative, and devotion to duty with complete disregard for his own welfare displayed by Staff Sergeant Kisters reflect great credit upon himself and the military service, and are deserving of the highest praise. Residence at time of induction: Bloomington, Indiana.

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Homer C. Vaught, (39144833), Staff Sergeant, Company ***, ***, Armored Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** February 1943, near *** Tunisia, the tank which Staff Sergeant Vaught was commanding was hit by an enemy shell and set afire. Before leaving his tank he assisted, while under heavy and close enemy fire, in the removal of a member of the crew who was seriously wounded. After the fire had been extinguished Staff Sergeant Vaught went about the area picking up other men and loading them on his tank until it was hit three more times and set afire. He completely disregarded his own welfare by again removing the wounded man from the tank while under heavy and close enemy machine gun and artillery fire. The extraordinary heroism, devotion to duty, and concern for the welfare of his wounded comrade displayed by Staff Sergeant Vaught reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at time of induction: Fresno, California.

Lowell A. Linton, (39163681), Technician Fourth Grade, Company ***, ***, Armored Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** February 1943, near *** Tunisia, Technician Fourth Grade Linton's tank was hit by an enemy shell and set afire. He assisted in extinguishing the fire and then climbed back into the driver's seat and continued in the battle. Technician Fourth Grade Linton stopped to pick up other men whose tanks had been disabled until his tank was hit three more times and set afire again. Technician Fourth Grade Linton ordered the men in and on the tank to jump off while he finally brought it to rest in a ditch. With complete disregard for his own welfare Technician Fourth Grade Linton helped remove a seriously wounded soldier from the deck of the tank while under heavy and close enemy fire. The extraordinary heroism, devotion to duty, and concern for the welfare of his wounded comrade displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Linton reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at time of induction: Reseda, California.

III -- AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named enlisted men:

Wilbur D. Martin, (32022345), Sergeant, Company ***, ***, Battalion, ***, Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On *** November 1942, while on duty as a squad leader in a machine gun platoon, Sergeant Martin, with a party of men being transported by plane over the ***, was attacked by six enemy fighter planes. The plane in which Sergeant Martin was riding was forced to crash-land. The men who were not wounded immediately abandoned the plane and took cover. Despite the fact that the enemy planes were strafing the crashed plane, Sergeant Martin left his place of cover, and without order and of his own volition returned to the crashed plane and carried a wounded comrade to safety. Sergeant Martin's actions inspired the morale of the men in his group despite the circumstances, showed extraordinary courage and bravery beyond the call of duty, and reflect great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Residence at time of induction: Brooklyn, New York.

Dillard T. Winkler, (6973622), Sergeant, Company ***, ***, Battalion, ***, Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On *** December 1942, at ***, Tunisia, Sergeant Winkler, on duty as a squad leader in a machine gun

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platoon, without order, volunteered to act as protection for an Allied mine-laying party in clearing the mine fields for our advance on *** Tunisia. He volunteered for this dangerous mission after having been on reconnaissance patrols behind the enemy's lines the two previous nights. On this mission, while under direct and continuous rifle, machine gun, and artillery fire, and without the assistance of any covering fire, he assisted in lifting two enemy mine fields ahead of an advanced guard. Sergeant Winkler, on *** December 1942, assisted in relaying the captured enemy mines on the road east of *** to block enemy reinforcements coming from the east. Sergeant Winkler, on *** December 1942, together with a small number of men, was ordered to deny passage of enemy vehicles through *** Tunisia. On their arrival they found an enemy mine-laying party of 12 men engaged in laying a mine field. They drove off the enemy, captured the mines, and later used the same mines to prevent the enemy's use of the pass. The action of Sergeant Winkler showed extraordinary courage and bravery beyond the call of duty, and reflects great credit upon him and the Military Service. Residence at time of enlistment: Roswell, Georgia.

Wirt P. Cunningham, (15011183), Technician Fifth Grade, Battery *** , *** Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. On *** February 1943, near *** Tunisia, Technician Fifth Grade Cunningham, was on duty as a chief of an anti-tank gun section, with the mission of protecting the left flank of his battery, which was attacked by a strong enemy force and forced to withdraw. During the withdrawal Technician Fifth Grade Cunningham ordered his crew to safety while he remained alone at the gun. While subjected to heavy and concentrated fire Technician Fifth Grade Cunningham operated his gun so effectively that the battery withdrew without any attack from the flank. In the course of action Technician Fifth Grade Cunningham destroyed two enemy tanks. After the battery had withdrawn and he was prevented from rejoining it, Technician Fifth Grade Cunningham drove his vehicle to a more nearly secure position in the mountain to save it from capture and destruction. The extraordinary heroism and complete devotion to duty without regard for his own welfare reflect the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Residence at time of enlistment: Steubenville, Ohio.

Alvin L. Trumbull, (31049833), Private First Class, Company *** , *** Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On *** December 1942, at *** Tunisia, Private First Class Trumbull, on duty as ammunition carrier in a machine gun squad, without order, volunteered to act as protection for an Allied mine-laying party in clearing the mine fields for our advance on *** Tunisia. He volunteered for this dangerous mission after having been on reconnaissance patrols behind the enemy's lines the two previous nights. On this mission, while under direct and continuous rifle, machine gun, and artillery fire, and without the assistance of any covering fire, he assisted in lifting two enemy mine fields ahead of an advanced guard. Private First Class Trumbull, on *** December 1942, assisted in relaying the captured enemy mines on the road east of *** to block enemy reinforcements coming from the east. Private First Class Trumbull, on *** December 1942, together with a small number of men, was ordered to deny passage of enemy vehicles through *** Tunisia. On their arrival they found an enemy mine-laying party of 12 men engaged in laying a mine field. They drove off the enemy, captured the mines, and later used the same mines to prevent the enemy's use of the pass. The action of

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Private First Class Trumbull showed extraordinary courage and bravery beyond the call of duty, and reflects great credit upon him and the Military Service. Residence at time of induction: Windsor, Connecticut.

Wilson (NMI) Simons, (34054697), Private First Class, Company ***, *** Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On *** December 1942 at *** Tunisia, Private First Class Simons, on duty as assistant machine gunner and scout, without order, volunteered to act as protection for an Allied mine-laying party in clearing the mine fields for our advance on *** Tunisia. He volunteered for this dangerous mission after having been on reconnaissance patrols behind the enemy's lines the two previous nights. On this mission, while under direct and continuous rifle, machine gun, and artillery fire, and without the assistance of any covering fire, he assisted in lifting two enemy mine fields ahead of an advanced guard. Private First Class Simons, on *** December 1942, assisted in relaying the captured enemy mines on the road east of ***, to block enemy reinforcements coming from the east. Private First Class Simons, on *** December 1942, together with a small number of men, was ordered to deny passage of enemy vehicles through *** Tunisia. On their arrival they found an enemy mine-laying party of 12 men engaged in laying a mine field. They drove off the enemy, captured the mines, and later used the same mines to prevent the enemy's use of the pass. The action of Private First Class Simons showed extraordinary courage and bravery beyond the call of duty, and reflects great credit upon him and the Military Service. Residence at time of induction: Sarasota, Florida.

IV -- AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDALS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named onlisted men:

Albert W. Werner, (32034462), Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, *** Coast Artillery Battalion (AA). For extraordinary heroism not involved in actual conflict with the enemy. On *** June 1943, near *** Algeria, while a group of soldiers were swimming during an afternoon recreation trip, one of them was seen struggling in the water. Staff Sergeant Werner, realizing his comrade was caught in a very treacherous undertow and in grave danger of drowning, with utter disregard for his own safety, immediately swam to his rescue. Attempting to reach shore against an extremely strong undertow, Staff Sergeant Werner remained with the drowning man until additional help arrived although he became completely exhausted and was unable to reach shore without assistance. The heroism displayed by Staff Sergeant Werner on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Residence at time of induction: Ardenville, New York.

Edward E. Walimaki, (36182722), Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, *** Coast Artillery Battalion (AA). For extraordinary heroism not involved in actual conflict with the enemy. On *** June 1943, near *** Algeria, while a group of soldiers were swimming during an afternoon recreation trip, two soldiers were seen struggling in the water attempting to rescue a third man from drowning. Sergeant Walimaki, realizing that all three men were caught in a treacherous undertow and in grave danger of drowning, with utter disregard for

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his own safety immediately swam to their rescue. Upon reaching the scene, Sergeant Walimaki found the two rescuers nearly exhausted. Caught in the treacherous undertow, Sergeant Walimaki succeeded in keeping the drowning man afloat until life preservers were obtained. The heroism displayed by Sergeant Walimaki on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at time of induction: Gwinn, Michigan.

George (NMI) Kavish, (33392842), Private, Headquarters Battery, *** Coast Artillery Battalion (AA). For extraordinary heroism not involved in actual conflict with the enemy. On *** June 1943, near *** Algeria, while a group of soldiers were swimming during an afternoon recreation trip, two soldiers were seen struggling in the water attempting to rescue a third man from drowning. Private Kavish, realizing that all three men were caught in a treacherous undertow and in grave danger of drowning, with utter disregard for his own safety, immediately swam to their rescue. Upon reaching the scene, Private Kavish found the two rescuers nearly exhausted. Caught in the treacherous undertow, Private Kavish succeeded in keeping the drowning man afloat until life preservers were obtained. The heroism displayed by Private Kavish on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Residence at time of induction: Duquesne, Pennsylvania.

Louis J. Nemeth, (32531126), Private, Headquarters Battery, *** Coast Artillery Battalion (AA). For extraordinary heroism not involved in actual conflict with the enemy. On *** June 1943, near *** Algeria, while a group of soldiers were swimming during an afternoon recreation trip, one of them was seen struggling in the water. Private Nemeth, realizing his comrade was caught in a very treacherous undertow and in grave danger of drowning, with utter disregard for his own safety, immediately swam to his rescue. Attempting to reach shore against an extremely strong undertow, Private Nemeth remained with the drowning man until additional help arrived although he became completely exhausted and was unable to reach shore without assistance. The heroism displayed by Private Nemeth on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Residence at time of induction: New York, New York.

V -- AWARD OF AIR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal is awarded to the following named Officer:

Guy alo, (O-10554), Colonel, Air Corps, United States Army, distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight by performing two trans-atlantic flights and six operational transport or bombing sorties against the enemy in North Africa. Residence at time of appointment: Santa Ana, California.

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I. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

JAMES C. CONLON, (0-426733), Second Lieutenant, Company ***, *** Armored Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action. On ** March 1943, near ***, Tunisia, Second Lieutenant CONLON led his platoon in an assault on an enemy occupied hill. In the face of concentrated machine gun and rifle fire, he moved well out in front of his platoon in order to set the example and to encourage his men. His bravery and intrepidity so inspired the platoon that it quickly overran the enemy position. Second Lieutenant CONLON was the first person into the enemy position and singlehandedly captured many prisoners before his platoon arrived. During reorganization at this point, Second Lieutenant CONLON was struck by a burst of machine gun fire and mortally wounded. The extraordinary heroism, initiative, and devotion to duty with complete disregard for his own safety displayed by Second Lieutenant CONLON reflect great credit upon him and the military service, and are deserving of the highest praise. Residence at appointment: Rochester, N. Y. Next of kin: Mrs. James C. Conlon (wife), Rochester, N. Y.

JAMES H. APPLETON, JR., (38064120), Corporal, Company ***, *** Armored Medical Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** May 1943, Corporal APPLETON, as First Aid Man, was attached to a platoon of engineers who were constructing a road through an olive orchard near ***, Tunisia. While the platoon was subject to a heavy artillery concentration, one of the men was wounded in the head by a shell fragment. Corporal APPLETON unhesitatingly left his place of shelter and ran to the wounded soldier to administer first aid. He had just finished when the artillery concentration increased in intensity. Corporal APPLETON heard the shells coming, but, noticing that the dazed soldier was trying to rise, he pushed him to the ground and then threw himself on top of the wounded soldier to protect him from further injury. One of the shells exploded within a few feet of the two men, fatally wounding Corporal APPLETON. His daring and heroic actions in refusing to seek cover for himself and in deliberately sacrificing his own life, saved the life of his wounded comrade. The unusual courage,

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self-sacrifice and devotion to duty with complete disregard for his own safety displayed by Corporal APPLETON reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces and are deserving of the highest praise. Entered the military service from: Vincent, Texas. Next of kin: Mrs. Jennie Appleton (mother), Vincent, Texas.

II AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officers.

REUBEN H. TUCKER, (O-19614), Colonel, *** Parachute Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action. On ** September 1943, about one-half mile northwest of ***, Italy, Colonel TUCKER, Commanding Officer of the *** Parachute Infantry, observed that the enemy was digging in on Hill ***, Army objective of the *** Battalion of his regiment, the advance of which had been delayed by terrain, organized a small group of twenty-three men, and with utter disregard for his own safety, Colonel TUCKER led this small group through heavy enemy artillery fire, attacked and drove the enemy from Hill ***. In this action five of the men became casualties, but Colonel TUCKER and the remaining eighteen men held Hill *** against enemy counter-attacks and against enemy forces that were retreating in front of the *** Battalion, until the *** Battalion was able to occupy and hold the hill. By his heroic actions, Colonel TUCKER enabled the *** Battalion to attain its important Army objective. Entered United States Military Academy from Ansonia, Connecticut.

ELTON W. RINGSAK, (O-21409), Lieutenant Colonel, ***, *** Armored Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action. Shortly after midnight, ** March 1943, Lieutenant Colonel RINGSAK led his battalion in an assault on a German position on ***, which was defended in depth by well dug in concrete pill boxes behind fields of personnel mines, the approaches to which were covered from every possible angle with heavy machine gun and 89mm fire. Throughout the entire attack Lieutenant Colonel RINGSAK moved among his companies through lines of heavy enemy machine gun fixed fire, giving orders as to the enemy position, reorganizing his companies for further effort. His coolness under fire, his superior knowledge and outstanding ability as a leader instilled confidence in his men and was a constant inspiration to them. The action of Lieutenant Colonel RINGSAK showed utter fearlessness and determined courage, and, as an example of great leadership, reflects the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Home address: Grafton, North Dakota.

III AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted men:

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BURNELL F. PETER, (0-1030403), Second Lieutenant, Company ***, ***, Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. On ** March 1943, near ***, Tunisia, Second Lieutenant PETER led a mounted patrol, including eighteen men and six trucks, to determine the strength and location of the enemy. While advancing, the patrol was subjected to heavy artillery fire and was forced to dismount. Fourteen enemy medium tanks and three enemy emplaced machine guns opened fire simultaneously, at a range of five hundred yards. Second Lieutenant PETER directed activities throughout the heavy fire, personally sending information by radio as to the location and strength of the enemy position. After destroying the radio to prevent its capture, he began leading his men out of the danger area by foot over a distance of approximately two thousand yards at close fire with practically no cover. After progressing half way, he discovered that two of his men were missing. Ordering the other men to continue, he himself returned, located the two lost men and led them to safety. He then returned, under enemy fire, and recovered two vehicles that had been left behind. The courage, initiative and concern for the safety of his men and equipment, at risk of his own life, shown by Second Lieutenant PETER reflect high credit to him and to the Armed Forces. Entered the military service from: Toledo, Ohio.

RAYMOND G. MURPHY, (20602898), Staff Sergeant, Company ***, ***, Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action. At the junction of the *** River and *** Creek, Italy, on September **, 1943, Staff Sergeant MURPHY, while commanding his tank destroyer, caused his destroyer to be moved into the open in the face of five enemy tanks and under artillery and small arms fire, and by so doing was able to destroy all five enemy tanks and one ammunition vehicle. During all this time, Staff Sergeant MURPHY was subjected to artillery fire, small arms fire, and fire from the opposing enemy tanks. Staff Sergeant MURPHY'S gallant and aggressive action removed a menace to our infantry troops and was an inspiration to his comrades and reflects the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Home address: Jacksonville, Florida.

EDWIN A. YOST, (37146627), Sergeant, Company ***, ***, Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action. At the junction of the *** River and *** Creek, Italy, on September **, 1943, Sergeant YOST, while commanding his tank destroyer, caused his destroyer to be moved into the open in the face of five enemy tanks and under artillery and small arms fire, and by so doing was able to destroy all five enemy tanks and one ammunition vehicle. During all this time Sergeant YOST was subjected to artillery fire, small arms fire, and fire from the opposing enemy tanks. Sergeant YOST'S gallant and aggressive action removed a menace to our infantry troops and was an inspiration to his comrades and reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Home address: Gorham, Kansas.

ALVIN B. Q. JOHNSON, (20805648), Technician Fifth Grade, Company ***, ***, Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action. At the junction of the *** River and *** Creek, Italy, on ** September 1943, Technician Fifth Grade JOHNSON, gunner in a tank destroyer moved with his vehicle to a position under direct fire of enemy artillery, small arms fire and in the

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face of five enemy tanks. From that position, Technician Fifth Grade JOHNSON calmly fired his gun destroying five enemy tanks and one ammunition vehicle in spite of the heavy fire to which he was subjected. Technician Fifth Grade JOHNSON'S gallant actions reflects the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Home address: Granbury, Texas.

JOSEPH R. O'BRYAN, (35484581), Private First Class, Company ***, ***, Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action. At the junction of the *** River and *** Creek, Italy, on ** September 1943, Private First Class O'BRYAN, a driver of a tank destroyer, drove his destroyer into the open in the face of five enemy tanks and under artillery and small arms fire. Private First Class O'BRYAN assisted in destroying the five tanks and one ammunition vehicle by shifting positions and giving the gunner a better position from which to fire. During all this time he was subjected to artillery fire, small arms fire, and fire from the tanks he was opposing. Private First Class O'BRYAN'S gallant and aggressive action helped to remove a menace to our infantry troops and was an inspiration to his comrades and reflects the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Home address: New Haven, Kentucky. *EW 11-13*

CLAUDE H. STOKES, (38463151), Private, Company ***, ***, Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action. At the junction of the *** River and *** Creek, Italy, on September **, 1943, Private STOKES, assistant gunner in a tank destroyer, moved with it to a position under direct fire of enemy artillery and small arms, and in the face of five enemy tanks. From that position Private STOKES assisted in the destruction of five enemy tanks and one ammunition vehicle, going about his duties in a cool deliberate manner in spite of the heavy fire to which he was subjected. The destruction of these tanks removed a grave menace to our troops in that sector and Private STOKES' action reflects the best traditions of the Army of the United States. Home address: McAlester, Oklahoma. *EW 11-13*

CLYDE T. STOKES, (38463140), Private, Company ***, ***, Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action. At the junction of the *** River and *** Creek, Italy, on ** September 1943, Private STOKES, ammunition passer in a tank destroyer, assisted in moving the destroyer into the open in the face of five enemy tanks and under artillery and small arms fire, and fire from the opposing enemy tanks. From that position, Private STOKES assisted in destroying five enemy tanks. Private STOKES was cool and deliberate in his actions and went about his job in a soldierly fashion. Private STOKES' gallant and aggressive action removed a menace to our infantry troops, and was an inspiration to his comrades and reflects the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Home address: McAlester, Oklahoma. *EW 11-13*

IV AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDALS.

Under the provisions of Army regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men: *EW 11-13*

WILLIAM C. BEVAN, (31020855), Sergeant, *** Battery, *** Battalion,

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*** Coast Artillery (AA). For his valor not involved in conflict with the enemy. On (or about) ** May 1943, at ***, Tunisia, Sergeant BEVAN'S attention was drawn to a rapidly spreading fire in a haystack concealing a communications truck and boxes of reserve ammunition. Without hesitation, and at great risk to his life, Sergeant BEVAN rushed into the fire to drag out the burning ammunition boxes, with only an overcoat thrown over his body for protection. Again and again, Sergeant BEVAN returned to the fire, until all property was retrieved from the flames, whereupon he helped to extinguish the blaze. The heroism displayed by Sergeant BEVAN on this occasion reflects great credit upon him and the military service. Residence at induction: Milford, Connecticut.

ODDIS A. HUDSON, (15056559), Private, *** Company, *** Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For his valor not involved in conflict with the enemy. On ** May 1943, near ***, French Morocco, the clothing of a soldier, who was heating water to wash mess gear, accidentally caught fire. Private HUDSON, seeing the accident and realizing the imminent danger to the soldier of serious injury or death, ran immediately to the burning man, and at great personal risk, threw him to the ground and extinguished the flames. The courageous and unselfish action of Private HUDSON, with utter disregard for his own safety, is exemplary of the high standard of mental alertness and courage of the members of the Army of the United States. Residence at enlistment: Page, West Virginia.

V A W A R D S O F A I R M E D A L S .

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, by performing five operational transport sorties against the enemy in North Africa.

JACK W. WORLEY, (O-421373), Captain, Air Corps. Residence at appointment: McMinnville, Tennessee.

MELVIN E. O'NEIL, (O-427165), Captain, Air Corps. Residence at appointment: Colorado Springs, Colorado.

JOHN W. BERGE, JR., (O-434632), First Lieutenant, Air Corps. ✓
Residence at appointment: Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

ALLAN P. ADAIR, III, (O-659212), First Lieutenant, Air Corps. ✓
Residence at appointment: Paris, Kentucky.

EDWIN H. HAM, (O-790038), First Lieutenant, Air Corps. Residence ✓
at appointment: Harkleville, Ind. ..

LEON V. KUHN, (7013646), Technical Sergeant, Air Corps. Residence ✓
at enlistment: Taylor, Texas.

J. D. BLAIR, (6958398), Staff Sergeant Air Corps. Residence at
enlistment: San Angelo, Texas.

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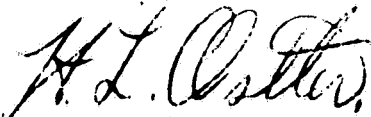
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WALLACE W. MEYERS, (16013014), Staff Sergeant, Air Corps. Residence
at enlistment: Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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I. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

GLENN O. HILLER, (38060177), Sergeant, Company ***, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action. About 0350 hours on the morning of ** September 1943, during an amphibious landing on the beach near *****, Italy, Sergeant HILLER, while leading his squad across the beach, came under heavy enemy machine gun fire, was painfully wounded in the arm and chest. Sergeant HILLER led his squad in an aggressive manner without medical treatment for a period of seven hours after receiving his wounds and relinquished command of his squad only after being forced to do so through exhaustion. During the period the deed was performed, his squad was under artillery, mortar and small arms fire and was once attacked by tanks. During this period Sergeant HILLER maintained exemplary control of his squad, leading them to their first objective over rough terrain. His courage and determination were an inspiration to his command. Entered service from: Guyton, Oklahoma.

II. AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men.

RALPH T. RANKIN, (036551), First Lieutenant, Company ***, *** Chemical Battalion. For gallantry in action. In the vicinity of *****, Italy, ** September 1943, First Lieutenant RANKIN, when heavy shelling threatened to make the position of his unit untenable, left his position of safety and by going to a very open and exposed spot was able to see and direct fire on an enemy self-propelled weapon which was firing at point blank range. His direction of mortar fire resulted in a direct hit on the gun, which was defiladed from Allied artillery. The disregard for his personal safety shown by First Lieutenant RANKIN was an inspiration to all present and reflected credit on the military service.

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MARTIN J. FRANK, (37550391), Corporal, Company ***, *** Ranger Battalion, for gallantry in action. While serving in the point of the Ranger Force advance guard enroute to its initial objective, Mt. ***, during the invasion of Italy, Corporal FRANK encountered a German scout car. Though within point blank range of its guns, Corporal FRANK remained in an exposed position, warning the men behind him of the danger and designating the target to the point commander, who was then able to bring the proper weapons to bear and destroy the enemy vehicle and personnel therein. Entered military service at Olathe, Colorado.

RALEIGH E. SMITH, JR., (33567635), Technician Fifth Grade, Company ***, *** Ranger Battalion. For gallantry in action. Technician Fifth Grade SMITH, rocket gunner, advancing with the point of the Ranger Force advance guard enroute to its initial objective, Mount ***, on ** September 1943, during the invasion of Italy, was ordered to fire on a German armored scout car. Rather than remain behind available cover and fire on the enemy vehicle, which would have necessitated fire at great and in accurate range, Technician Fifth Grade SMITH, accompanied by another soldier, advanced to within 20 yards of the target, completely exposed to enemy fire, and scored a direct hit on the enemy vehicle with his first round. His success was due to his complete disregard of personal safety when he advanced to such a range as to assure a hit on the target. The vehicle and personnel therein were destroyed. Technician Fifth Grade SMITH'S action reflects the best traditions of the Army of the United States. Home address: Du Bois, Pennsylvania.

PAUL ELIAS, (12147561), Technician Fifth Grade, Company ***, *** Ranger Battalion. For gallantry in action. Technician Fifth Grade ELIAS, rocket gunner, advancing with point of the Ranger Force advance guard enroute to its initial objective, Mount ***, on ** September 1943, during the invasion of Italy, was ordered to fire on a German armored scout car. Rather than remain behind available cover and fire on the enemy vehicle, which would have necessitated fire at great and in accurate range, Technician Fifth Grade ELIAS, accompanied by another soldier, advanced to within 20 yards of the target, completely exposed to enemy fire, and scored a direct hit on the enemy vehicle with his first round. His success was due to his complete disregard of personal safety when he advanced to such a range as to assure a hit on the target. The vehicle and personnel therein were destroyed. Technician Fifth Grade ELIAS' action reflects the best traditions of the Army of the United States. Home address: New York, N. Y.

EDWARD KIRKMAN, (37403777), Private, Headquarters Company, *** Ranger Battalion. For gallantry in action. On ** September 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy, Private KIRKMAN, during heavy shelling from the enemy, left his position of safety and at the risk of his life and beyond the requirements of duty, gave first aid to wounded men in exposed positions and evacuated them to places of greater safety. Private KIRKMAN cared for both British and American personnel in a manner reflecting credit upon the medical department and the Army of the United States. Home address: Caruthersville, Missouri.

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SHELDON C. SOMMERS, (0435587), Captain, MC, Battalion Headquarters, *** Ranger Battalion. For gallantry in action, ** September 1943, at Mount *** in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Under heavy shell fire on the *** September 1943, Captain SOMMERS left his position of safety to care for several men who were wounded by an enemy burst. During the time Captain SOMMERS was working on these men he was under heavy artillery fire. After the wounded were treated and evacuated Captain SOMMERS found that several unseasoned troops were becoming panic stricken. He calmed them and got them to return to their positions. Captain SOMMERS' actions reflect great credit on the military service. Entered the military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

III AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded, in addition to Silver Star Medal previously awarded, the following named enlisted men:

BOB L. LOWELL, (10050284), Private First Class, Company ***, *** Ranger Battalion, for gallantry in action. While leading men on the point of the Ranger Force Advance Guard enroute to its initial objective, Mount ***, during the invasion of Italy, Private First Class LOWELL encountered a German armored scout car. Although within 20 yards range of its guns, Private First Class LOWELL remained exposed, warning the men behind him of the danger and designating the target to the point commander, who was then able to bring the proper weapons to bear and destroy the enemy vehicle and the personnel therein. Home address: Pasadena, California.

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I. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted men:

WILLIAM H. McMICHEN, (38026452), Staff Sergeant, Company ***, ***, Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action. On the morning of ** September 1943 in the assault on the beach at ***, Italy, the assault boat in which Sergeant McMICHEN and his section were landing came under direct and heavy machine gun fire. Sergeant McMICHEN was shot through the chest and shoulder. He directed the men of his section to lie flat on the bottom of the craft. When the assault boat reached the beach, the ramp jammed. Sergeant McMICHEN got to his feet and in spite of his wounds kicked and pounded the ramp until it came open. He then led his section from the craft to a firing position on the beach, where he was fatally wounded by enemy gunfire. Sergeant McMICHEN'S heroic leadership of his section, in spite of heavy wounds, was an inspiration to his men and reflects the finest traditions of the Armed Forces. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth (NMI) McMichen, 757 Pulliam Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia. ✓

ROBERT D. BOOKER, (37126961), Private, Company ***, ***, Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On ** April 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Tunisia, Private BOOKER, while engaged in action against the enemy, carried a light machine gun and a box of ammunition over two hundred yards of open ground. He continued to advance despite the fact that two enemy machine guns and several mortars were using him as an individual target. Although enemy artillery also began to fire on him, upon reaching his objective he immediately commenced firing. After being wounded, he silenced one enemy machine gun and was beginning to fire at the other when he received a second and mortal wound. With his last remaining strength, he encouraged the members of his squad and directed their fire. Private BOOKER acted without regard for his own safety; his initiative, and courage

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against unsurmountable odds are an example of the highest standard of self sacrifice and fidelity to duty. Entered military service from: Callaway, Nebraska. Next of kin: Mrs. Marce Booker (wife), Callaway, Nebraska. ✓

II. AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officer:

DENNIS HEWITT, (A-292762), Captain, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, *** Battalion, *** Armored Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On ** and ** May 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Tunisia, Captain HEWITT personally supervised, while under direct enemy observation and heavy artillery fire, the organization of Hill ***, which had been taken by his battalion in a dawn attack on ** May 1943. When the enemy recaptured the hill later in the day, he volunteered to lead an infantry and tank attack in an attempt to recapture the position. In complete darkness, over rough terrain, and through concentrated enemy machine gun fire, Captain HEWITT, on foot, courageously and skillfully led the tanks up the precipitous slopes of the hill to strategic positions from which, in spite of poor visibility, they were able to bring direct fire on the enemy. He then led a small group of infantry soldiers forward through anti-personnel mines and machine gun fire to attack the enemy positions. Despite the enemy's superiority of fire and larger forces, Captain HEWITT, by his daring actions, successfully led his detail in routing the enemy from the hill, thus forcing their withdrawal from the entire sector. The extraordinary heroism, aggressive and superior leadership with complete disregard for his own welfare displayed by Captain HEWITT merit recognition as an outstanding example of performance of duty and are deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from: Bessemer, Alabama. ✓

III. AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

DYLF SMITH, (20927370), Sergeant, Company ***, *** Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. On ** March 1943, near ***, Tunisia, Sergeant SMITH was a member of a mounted patrol whose mission was to determine the strength and location of the enemy. While advancing, this patrol was brought under fire by enemy artillery, by the large caliber guns of fourteen medium tanks and by three enemy emplaced machine guns. It became necessary to withdraw, dismounted, over terrain with no cover and little concealment extending approximately two thousand yards, all of which was under heavy enemy fire. After covering half this distance, it became necessary for his Platoon Leader to return and search for two men that was missing. Sergeant SMITH then successfully led the three remaining men out of the danger area. Later, although artillery fire had opened against

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enemy positions and his Platoon Leader explained the danger involved in returning, Sergeant SMITH volunteered to accompany his Platoon Leader in the return over approximately two thousand yards of this unfavorable terrain which was under enemy fire to recover two abandoned vehicles. This mission, which required stealthy approach for over two and a half hours in order to reach the vehicles, was completely successful. The courage and initiative displayed by Sergeant SMITH, at the risk of his own life, are a credit to him and to the Armed Forces. Residence at enlistment: Pocatello, Idaho. ✓

FRANKLIN G. ELLIBEE, (17050350), Corporal, Company ***, *** Tank Destroyer Battalion. For gallantry in action. On ** March 1943, near ***, Tunisia, Corporal (then Private First Class) ELLIBEE was a member of a mounted patrol engaged in determining the strength and location of the enemy. While advancing, this patrol was brought under fire simultaneously by enemy artillery, by the large caliber guns of fourteen medium tanks and by three enemy emplaced machine guns. It became necessary to withdraw approximately two thousand yards, dismounted, over terrain with no cover and little concealment, all of which was under enemy fire. Later, after artillery fire was opened against the enemy positions and his Platoon Leader explained the danger involved, Corporal ELLIBEE volunteered to accompany his Platoon Leader to return over approximately two thousand yards of unfavorable terrain which was under enemy fire, to recover two abandoned vehicles. This mission, which required a stealthy approach for over two and a half hours in order to reach the vehicles, was completely successful. The courage and initiative displayed by Corporal ELLIBEE, at risk of his life, are a credit to him and to the Armed Forces. Residence at enlistment: Fargo, North Dakota. ✓

IV. AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

ORA M. GILCREASE, (20815358), Staff Sergeant, Battery **, *** Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy. On ** August 1942, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade) GILCREASE was on a train which was transporting his battery from North Carolina to ***, Massachusetts. While preparing the evening meal for his battery, a gas unit of Headquarters Battery (which was sharing the same kitchen car with Battery ***), caught fire. Staff Sergeant GILCREASE went to the assistance of the mess personnel of Headquarters Battery, who were trying vainly to extinguish the flames. When it became apparent that the flames could not be subdued by the use of available fire extinguishers, all personnel except Staff Sergeant GILCREASE abandoned the car. Staff Sergeant GILCREASE, aware that the gas unit might explode at any moment, and without thought of personal safety, continued fighting the blaze with blankets, a raincoat and sand. This failing, he picked up the blazing unit with his

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bare hands and throw it off the car, in so doing receiving burns on his hands, arms and chest. By his quick thinking and action, Staff Sergeant GILCREASE saved valuable government and railroad property from destruction. The courage and coolness displayed by Staff Sergeant GILCREASE in this emergency are exemplary and bring great credit upon him and the military service. Home address: Corsicana, Texas.✓

JAMES PEACOCK, (20806529), Staff Sergeant, Company ***, *** Infantry. For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy. On ** May 1943, near ***, Algeria, Staff Sergeant PEACOCK was a member of an assault detachment in a demonstration of an attack on a fortified position. Upon seeing a fellow soldier wounded in the shoulder by a fragment from a Bangalore torpedo, Staff Sergeant PEACOCK continued to control the fire of the assault detachment, directing the fire of the demolitions, and went to the aid of the wounded man. Administering first aid under fire, Staff Sergeant PEACOCK stopped the serious bleeding of the wound and then removed the soldier from danger. The heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant PEACOCK reflects great credit to him and to his organization. Residence at enlistment: Rusk, Texas.✓

CLIFFORD M. ESMEIER, (35153503), Sergeant, Company ***, *** Tank Destroyer Battalion. For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy. During the late afternoon of ** July 1943, ten miles south of **, Algeria, Sergeant ESMEIER was in charge of a detail loading ammunition from an ammunition dump onto a truck. In the course of loading, seven rounds of ammunition exploded, spraying the truck with hot brass and burning powder. The truck caught fire, and although he was stunned, cut, severely burned and temporarily blinded, Sergeant ESMEIER drove the vehicle, which still contained some live rounds, to a safe distance away; and then put out the fire on the truck, saving it from destruction. By his heroic action and complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant ESMEIER prevented the fire from spreading to the ammunition dump, thus possibly saving the lives of men working at the dump. Such an action is deserving of recognition and reflects credit both to Sergeant ESMEIER and to his organization. Residence at induction: Evansville, Indiana.✓

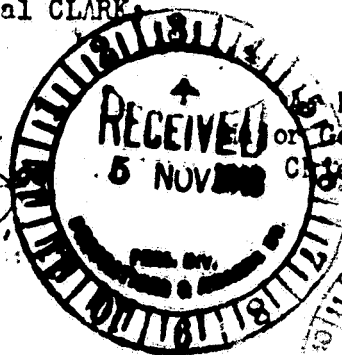
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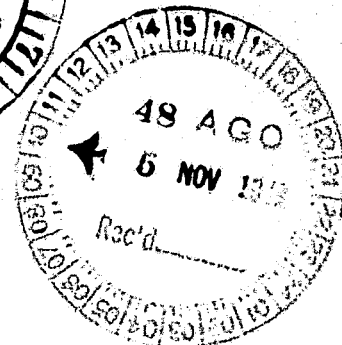
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I. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named officer.

✓ O DON D. DUNHAM, (O-293027), Major, *** Parachute Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action. On ** September 1943, about one-half mile north-east of ***, Italy, when the Headquarters of his Regiment had been surrounded by enemy forces, Major DUNHAM volunteered to go out in the face of enemy artillery, machine gun and rifle fire to obtain reinforcements, after two previous messengers had been fatally wounded. In the course of pursuing this mission, Major DUNHAM was killed. That Major DUNHAM volunteered to seek reinforcements for his Headquarters in the face of almost certain death was an inspiration to the men and officers of his Regiment. The unusual courage, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty displayed by Major DUNHAM reflect the finest traditions of the Army of the United States and are deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from Lemon Cove, California. Next of kin: Mrs. Don E. Dunham (Wife), Lemon Cove, California.

II. AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men.

✓ ROBERT B. ACHESON, (O-363279), Major, *** Parachute Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action. On ** September 1943, about one mile east of ***, Italy, Major ACHESON was assigned the mission of delivering five 1/2 ton truckloads of ammunition to a battalion that was surrounded by enemy forces. At the ***, the trucks were unable to proceed because of heavy enemy rifle, mortar and artillery fire. With complete disregard to his own safety, Major ACHESON then voluntarily proceeded alone across the valley to the encircled battalion. While crossing the valley, Major ACHESON came upon a group of riflemen who were pinned down by enemy fire. He reorganized and directed their force so effectively that they cleared the opposition from the slope. Although he was wounded in the chest and sustained severe shell frag-

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ment wound in the right arm, which later required its amputation, Major ACHESON completed his assignment before accepting medical attention. Major ACHESON'S devotion to duty and complete disregard of his own personal interests reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Bismark, North Dakota.

✓ LIEUTENANT S. VARNER, (O-402879); First Lieutenant, Company **, *** Armored Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action: On ** May 1943, First Lieutenant VARNER led his tank platoon into attack against a strongly held enemy position about two miles east of ***, Tunisia. First Lieutenant VARNER'S tank was stopped approximately one hundred yards from the enemy's position, and the driver was severely wounded while abandoning the tank. First Lieutenant VARNER, with complete disregard for his own safety, left the tank to help his driver and administer first aid. It was impossible to remove the wounded man to our lines, so First Lieutenant VARNER stayed with the man. Soon after, First Lieutenant VARNER was wounded by shrapnel when a shell landed nearby. Upon being captured by an enemy patrol, First Lieutenant VARNER'S first efforts were toward obtaining an enemy medical officer to attend to his stricken man. On the night of May **, First Lieutenant VARNER planned and successfully executed an escape from his captors together with the leader of his tank crew, and during the night of May ** he disconnected enemy rear communication lines at several locations. At ** hours, ** May 1943, First Lieutenant VARNER and the leader, while unarmed, captured twenty-one enemy officers and enlisted men and two vehicles. The initiative, devotion to duty and mental alertness displayed by First Lieutenant VARNER reflect great credit on the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Monticello, Illinois.

✓ WILLIAM C. KELLOGG, (O-446618), First Lieutenant, *** Airborne Engineer Battalion, *** Airborne Division. For extraordinary heroism in action, ** September 1943 to ** September 1943, between ** ** and ***, Italy. As leader of an airborne platoon, Lieutenant KELLOGG landed with his men forty miles behind enemy lines and for a period of thirteen consecutive days, in the face of constant danger and overwhelming enemy odds, courageously conducted outstandingly successful operations in enemy territory. During this period, Lieutenant KELLOGG personally led his men in disrupting telephone, power and railroad lines, and demonstrated outstanding bravery and aggressiveness in his constant harassing of the enemy. In one night's action against superior enemy forces, Lieutenant KELLOGG gallantly led his band in the ambush of an enemy convoy, destroying two troop carriers and inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. On September **, he demonstrated personal heroism of the highest type in rescuing a severely wounded Allied airman whose plane was shot down behind enemy lines. In close proximity to the enemy and under intense aerial bombardment and a hail of fire from enemy guns, Lieutenant KELLOGG, with utter disregard for his own life, made his way to the wounded man on an open hillside, carried him to cover, and succeeded in delivering him to friendly hands. Lieutenant KELLOGG'S outstanding personal valor, his inspiring leadership despite hunger, thirst, fatigue, and constant danger, and his exceptional devotion to duty no matter what the

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odds, reflect the highest traditions of the military service and are a credit to the Airborne Forces of the United States Army. Entered service from Highlands, Texas. ✓

✓ JOSEPH G. ZUPANCIC, (35378511), Technician Fifth Grade, Company **, *** Armored Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On ** May 1943, near ***, Tunisia, Technician Fifth Grade ZUPANCIC (then Private) participated in a tank attack on a strongly held enemy position. Although his tank was knocked out of action, Technician Fifth Grade ZUPANCIC (then Private) remained with the vehicle until his machine gun became inoperative and all available ammunition had been expended. Technician Fifth Grade ZUPANCIC then radioed the position of enemy guns. Although the position continued to receive heavy artillery fire and small arms fire, Technician Fifth Grade ZUPANCIC disregarded his own welfare, and assisted in removing the driver, who was badly injured, from the vicinity of the tank. Technician Fifth Grade ZUPANCIC was captured while trying to get the wounded man to medical aid. Two days later he escaped with his lieutenant and assisted in cutting telephone wires in the rear of the enemy lines. At ** hours, ** May 1943, he took part in an unarmed surprise attack that resulted in making prisoners of twenty-one armed enemy and two vehicles. The extraordinary heroism, efficient performance of duty, concern for wounded comrade, and intelligent initiative displayed by Technician Fifth Grade ZUPANCIC reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Akron, Ohio. ✓

✓ III - AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF SILVER STAR MEDAL:

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted man.

✓ ○ ROBERT E. LEAGUE, (33060721), Sergeant, Company ***, Second Battalion, ***, Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On ** November, 1942, while on duty as a squad leader in a machine gun platoon, Sergeant LEAGUE, with a party of men being transported by plane over the ** ***, was attacked by six enemy fighter planes. The plane in which Sergeant LEAGUE was riding was forced to crash-land. The men who were not wounded immediately abandoned the plane and took cover. Despite the fact that the enemy planes were strafing the crashed plane, Sergeant LEAGUE left his place of cover, and without fear and of his own volition returned to the crashed plane and carried a wounded comrade to safety. Sergeant LEAGUE'S actions inspired the morale of the men in his group despite the circumstances, showed extraordinary courage and bravery beyond the call of duty, and reflect great credit upon him and the Military Service. Residence at induction: Hale Thorpe, Maryland. ✓

IV AWARDS OF SILVER STAR MEDALS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver

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Star Medal is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted men:

✓ GEORGE B. NUNNALLY, (0-1014022), Second Lieutenant, *** Ranger Infantry Battalion. For gallantry in action. On ** September 1943, at ***, Italy, Second Lieutenant NUNNALLY, by his courageous and capable leadership, was able to complete a dangerous reconnaissance patrol mission that gave valuable information on troop dispositions, location of gun positions, and condition of the beaches at ***. Through the clever use of cover, Second Lieutenant NUNNALLY was able to lead his patrol through an area guarded by 1500-2000 troops and work his way to within 200 yards of the beach before being discovered. Although seriously wounded, Second Lieutenant NUNNALLY continued his mission and despite heavy enemy fire, and though greatly outnumbered, was successful in withdrawing his patrol, including wounded, without the loss of a man. Second Lieutenant NUNNALLY'S actions on this patrol were directly responsible for the success of the mission, and were a credit to the military service. Entered military service from Munroe, Georgia. ✓

✓ WEDWIN V. BACCUS, (207046730), First Sergeant, Company **, ***, Ranger Infantry Battalion. For gallantry in action. On ** September 1943, two miles east of ***, Italy, First Sergeant BACCUS, acting platoon leader, finding his company held up by machine gun fire from a two gun position, promptly crawled alone, under cover of darkness and in face of heavy enemy machine gun fire, to within five yards of the machine gun nest and destroyed it with three grenades. Sergeant BACCUS' action was directly responsible for the successful completion of the company's mission. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant BACCUS reflects the finest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa. ✓

✓ PETER O. VETCHER, (32183940), Staff Sergeant, Company **, ***, Ranger Battalion. For gallantry in action. On ** September 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy, Staff Sergeant VETCHER, with utter disregard for his own safety and in the face of heavy mortar fire, left cover to administer first aid to a wounded comrade, and remove the wounded man to safety. Staff Sergeant VETCHER received two shrapnel wounds because of this, but he refused to be evacuated and stayed at his post during the rest of the action. Staff Sergeant VETCHER'S disregard for his own safety and devotion to duty reflects the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. ✓

✓ HARRY H. SHUR, (39165230), Sergeant, Company **, ***, Ranger Infantry Battalion. For gallantry in action. On the night of ** September 1943, at ***, Italy, Sergeant SHUR, acting as scout, led a platoon of men up an enemy held hill to capture a machine gun nest. In the face of heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant SHUR, although severely wounded in the head, crept to within five yards of the enemy position and silenced the machine gun with his grenades and Thompson sub machine gun. In doing this, Sergeant SHUR was again wounded in the neck and head. Sergeant SHUR'S actions enabled the re-

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rairder of his company to accomplish the assigned mission of reconnoitering the road to **, Italy. Sergeant SHUR'S devotion to duty reflects great credit on the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Delano, California.

✓ LYMAN S. HEIMAN, (36146947), Corporal, Company **, **** Tank Battalion. For gallantry in action. Near ***, Italy, on ** September 1943, when his tank came under heavy direct fire from five enemy tanks and a round stuck in the chamber of his own gun, Corporal HEIMAN immediately dismounted from his tank, disregarding the extreme danger of this heavy fire, and rammed the stuck round free. His courageous and immediate action enabled his tank to continue firing, which resulted in the destruction of two of the enemy tanks. Corporal HEIMAN'S disregard for his own safety and devotion to duty reflects great credit on the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Salisbury, Missouri. ✓

V AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDALS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

✓ MARK S. GLEESON, (39025403), Private First Class, Company **, *** Military Police Battalion. For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy. On ** August 1943, at ***, Algeria, Private First Class GLEESON, with complete disregard for his own safety, swam to the rescue of a fellow soldier who was making an unsuccessful attempt to rescue two other soldiers in distress. After having brought one soldier ashore, Private First Class GLEESON again entered the water and made several unsuccessful attempts to locate the body of one of the other soldiers. Private First Class GLEESON'S actions reflect great credit on the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

✓ BRADEN L. COOPER, (37194827), Private First Class, Company **, *** Military Police Battalion. For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy. On ** August 1943, at ***, Algeria, Private First Class COOPER, with complete disregard for his own safety, swam to the rescue of a soldier who had become exhausted as he was bringing a second soldier ashore. After completing the first rescue, Private First Class COOPER immediately re-entered the water, brought the second drowning soldier ashore and succeeded in reviving him by artificial respiration. Private First Class COOPER'S heroic actions in saving the lives of his comrades at grave risk of his own life reflects great credit both to him and to the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Stratford, Iowa.

✓ RICHARD E. GROVE, (33239262), Private, Company **, *** Military Police Battalion. For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy. While swimming in the surf at ***, Algeria, two soldiers were swept into deep water by

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a strong undercurrent and called for help. Private GROVE, although not a strong swimmer, immediately swam to their rescue. In his attempts to save the soldiers, he himself became exhausted and narrowly escaped drowning. Private GROVE'S heroic actions in going to the assistance of comrades in distress, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, reflect the high traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Felton, Pennsylvania. ✓

RAYMOND E. BROCK, (35482707), Private, Company **, **** Military Police Battalion. For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy. On ** August 1943, at ****, Algeria, Private BROCK heard the cries of a drowning soldier. Although not a strong swimmer, Private BROCK, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, swam to the position of the drowning man and brought him to the surface. In bringing the soldier to shore, Private BROCK himself became exhausted, but both soldiers were saved. Private BROCK'S heroism and complete forgetfulness of self in going to the rescue of a comrade reflect great credit to the Army of the United States. Entered the military service from Indian Springs, Indiana. ✓

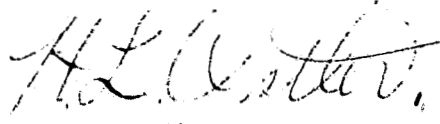
VI AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 82.

So much of General Orders Number 82, this Headquarters, dated 9 November 1943, as reads "General Orders Number 82" is amended to read "General Orders Number 83". ✓

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I. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

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HERSEL R. ADAMS, (0283674), Captain, *** Infantry Regiment, *** Infantry Division. For extraordinary heroism in action. On the morning of *** September 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy, Captain ADAMS took command of Company ***, *** Infantry, while that unit was being subjected to terrific fire from mortars, artillery, machine guns and small arms. Though completely exposed, by exerting forceful leadership he gathered together his troops, and to safeguard the beach where the remainder of his battalion was landing, he led his company in a charge against assaulting tanks. Wounded in this action, he refused to be evacuated and directed his men to continue their advance. Captain ADAMS' heroic leadership and determination, by instilling in his men a profound desire to close with the enemy and defeat him despite all obstacles, were responsible for the success of this mission and for the safety of the beach. Being unable personally to accompany his men, Captain ADAMS remained behind unprotected, where he was killed in a subsequent enemy tank attack. His prodigious courage, indefatigable determination, and effective leadership, as well as his great personal sacrifice, will always be an inspiration to those who witnessed his unselfish deeds. Next of kin: Mrs. Pearl A. Adams (Wife), 205 N. Johnson Street, Mineola, Texas.

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JOHN T. KERSHNER, (0360315), Captain, *** Field Artillery Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action on *** September 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Captain KERSHNER commanded Battery ***, which was attached to a regiment of combat engineers and assigned the mission of filling a breach in the front lines between the American and British troops, north of ***, Italy. An enemy counter-attack, supported by artillery and tanks, was driving at our front through the flat plain occupied by this force. No high ground was available and observation was poor. Captain KERSHNER, without regard to his own safety,

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exposed himself constantly to enemy machine gun and sniper fire for three hours in order to occupy a position from which he could adjust his battery on the enemy. During this heroic action he was killed by an enemy sniper. His self-sacrificing determination to remain in a position where he could observe, although it was under fire, saved many lives and contributed materially to the repelling of the enemy counter-attack. The extraordinary heroism displayed by Captain KERSHNER reflects great credit upon himself and exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs Raye M. Kershner, (Wife) Lubbock, Texas.

SHIGEO J. TAKATA, (30102426), Sergeant, Company ***, *** Infantry Battalion (Sep). For extraordinary heroism in action. On the morning of *** September 1943, west of ***, Italy, Sergeant TAKATA personally led his squad in a flanking movement, forcing the withdrawal of enemy machine gunners and materially assisting in the attainment of the Battalion objective. Taking position in front of his men, he led them through intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire to carry out his mission. He continuously and deliberately disregarded his own welfare in making personal reconnaissance to determine enemy gun positions. While so exposing himself, he was struck by an artillery shell and mortally wounded. In spite of his wounds he attempted to communicate with his platoon leader to inform him what he had learned of the enemy positions. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the members of his unit and reflect high credit upon him and the military service. Entered military service from Oahu, T. H. Next of kin: Mrs Florence F. Takata (Wife), Oahu, T. H.

II AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

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SAMUEL S. GRAHAM, (0333299), Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding Officer, *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** September 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy, Lieutenant Colonel GRAHAM, Commanding Officer of *** Battalion, was in advance of his battalion which had been delayed at the beach by the disrupted boat schedules. Observing enemy mortars and artillery directly to his front which were laying intense barrages on the entire beach area, he organized a small group of about seventy men, and with utter disregard for his own safety, personally led this small group under fire around and behind the hostile artillery, mortars, and machine guns, and drove the enemy from his well-defended position. During this action six enemy tanks counter-attacked with artillery and machine gun fire, but Lieutenant Colonel GRAHAM vigorously led the force forward, along with other groups which had attached themselves to his command. They attacked the tanks and enemy forces which were retreating in front of the sector, until the *** Battalion as a complete unit was able to occupy and hold this vital area near the beach. This extraordinary heroism reflects great credit upon Lieutenant Colonel GRAHAM and exemplifies the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Huntsville, Texas.

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THOMAS F. BERTEAU, (01170285), Second Lieutenant, Company ***, *** Military Police Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** September 1943, while engaged in a landing operation at *** ***, Italy, Second Lieutenant BERTEAU, with utter disregard for his personal safety, and while under intense enemy machine gun fire, rescued three wounded soldiers aboard a disabled landing craft, which was afire as a result of a direct hit from enemy artillery. While machine gun fire sprayed all about him, he succeeded in bringing one of the wounded men ashore, and he then returned to the disabled craft for the other men, although machine gun bullets continued to ricochet off the sinking craft. Just as he reached the boat, another artillery shell hit the craft, but he continued to render assistance until he had successfully rescued the wounded soldiers. His bravery and intrepidity in the face of heavy enemy fire are deserving of high praise, and reflect the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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STEWART R. JOHNSON, (20804822), Sergeant, Company ***, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On the morning of *** September 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy, the second platoon of Company *** was surrounded by the enemy and subjected to devastating fire from an enemy machine gun which was firing directly into the platoon's positions. Sergeant JOHNSON, with utter disregard for his own life, and on his own initiative, crawled toward the enemy position in the face of a hail of fire. Although bullets were cutting the bushes near his head and plowing into the ground around him, Sergeant JOHNSON crawled to within thirty yards of the enemy gun and with his rifle killed the two members of the crew. The undaunted courage and coolness displayed by Sergeant JOHNSON under the most intense fire enabled his platoon to reorganize. Sergeant JOHNSON'S extraordinary heroism in the face of gravest danger reflects great credit both to himself and to the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Ballinger, Texas.

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GAITHER W. VAUGHN, (20804578), Sergeant, Company ***, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** September 1943 in the vicinity of ***, Italy, Company *** was advancing inland after landing on the hostile shores of Italy. When its advance was suddenly halted by fire from a group of enemy snipers operating from nearby buildings, Sergeant VAUGHN directed his point squad to bring fire on the buildings and, with outstanding coolness and daring, worked his way to the enemy position where he succeeded in surprising and capturing three enemy snipers. When his company's advance was again checked by fire from an enemy machine gun nest, Sergeant VAUGHN, with utter disregard for his own life, charged the emplacement in the face of its direct fire and with hand grenades, killed the gun crew and demolished the emplacement. Sergeant VAUGHN'S extraordinary heroism in the face of close range enemy fire was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. His outstanding performance is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Coleman, Texas.

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BURT G. MOULTON, (20150196), Corporal, Battery ***, *** Antiaircraft Artillery (Automatic Weapons) Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** September 1943, Corporal MOULTON was aboard a stalled landing craft about one hundred yards off *** at ***, Italy; and while under heavy enemy artillery fire, Corporal MOULTON, acting as machine gunner on a truck loaded aboard the craft, opened fire and silenced one machine gun nest. When the command ordered the men and truck into the water, the vehicle stalled when only partially in the water, and Corporal MOULTON was forced to abandon his gun position on the truck. He then distinguished himself while enemy fire was being concentrated on the craft by aiding four men who could not swim to reach shore. Corporal MOULTON then swam back to the craft, succeeded in starting the motors, and drove it to within fifty yards of the beach with the truck still hanging precariously from the bow. He unloaded the gun crew's valuable equipment from the truck into the craft, dislodged the truck, and after the craft was driven ashore, he swam to the partially submerged vehicle with a towline. With only his head above the water and constantly harassed by enemy fire, he steered the vehicle while a winch pulled it ashore. Corporal MOULTON'S initiative under fire, his devotion to duty and his concern for the safety of his comrades at great peril to his own, are deserving of the highest praise and symbolize the finest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

JAMES D. SLATON, (34278962), Corporal, Company ***, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** September 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy, Corporal SLATON was lead scout of an Infantry squad which had been committed to a flank to knock out enemy resistance which had succeeded in pinning two attacking platoons to the ground. Working ahead of his squad, Corporal SLATON crept upon an enemy machine gun nest and assaulting it with his bayonet, succeeded in killing the gunner. When his bayonet stuck he detached it from the rifle and killed another gunner with rifle fire. At that time he was fired upon by a machine gun to his immediate left. Corporal SLATON then moved over open ground under constant fire, to within throwing distance, and on his second try scored a direct hit on the second enemy machine gun nest, killing two enemy gunners. At that time a third machine gun fired on him one hundred yards to his front, and Corporal SLATON killed both of these enemy gunners with rifle fire. As a result of Corporal SLATON'S heroic action in immobilizing three enemy machine gun nests with bayonet, grenade, and rifle fire, the two rifle platoons which were receiving heavy casualties from enemy fire were enabled to withdraw to covered positions and again take the initiative. Corporal SLATON withdrew, under mortar fire, on order of his platoon leader at dusk that evening. The heroic actions of Corporal SLATON were far above and beyond the call of duty and are worthy of emulation. Entered military service from Gulfport, Mississippi.

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III AWARDS. POSTHUMOUS. OF SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted men:

LEONARD L. GREENE, (32027006), Sergeant, Company ***, *** Ranger Infantry Battalion. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, five and a half miles east of ***, Italy, on the coastal road, Sergeant GREENE, section leader, maneuvered his section through mountainous terrain to within thirty yards of an enemy observation post. Unhesitatingly, Sergeant GREENE, with one man, under covering fire from his section, crawled to the edge of the observation post, and by use of only grenades and rifle fire captured the position. Four enemy enlisted men were killed and one captured, with no casualties within Sergeant GREENE'S section. His personal valor, his willingness to assume the vital role in accomplishing his mission, and his ability to quickly formulate a plan destructive to the enemy with a minimum of loss to his own group were qualities of superb leadership. Sergeant GREENE was later killed in action. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Greene (Mother), Rochester, New York.

JAMES G. McFADYEN, (34176526), Technician Fifth Grade, Company ***, *** Chemical Battalion. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, about two miles north of ***, Italy, during an intense artillery barrage in which a comrade had been seriously injured, Technician Fifth Grade McFADYEN rendered what first aid he could to the wounded man. Realizing that the wounded man had to be evacuated by stretcher or ambulance, he immediately drove his jeep back over a road under constant enemy shelling in search of the needed medical assistance. After the shelling had somewhat subsided, Technician Fifth Grade McFADYEN was found lying in a ditch approximately one-half mile from his starting point, mortally wounded by enemy artillery fire. He gave his life in an attempt to save the life of his comrade. The heroism and devotion to duty with complete disregard for his own safety displayed by Technician Fifth Grade McFADYEN reflect great credit upon him and the military service. Entered military service from Maxton, North Carolina. Next of kin: Mrs. Grace McFadyen, Purvis, North Carolina.

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IV AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

CECIL J. MADDEN, (0250761), Major, Infantry, Headquarters *** Tank Group. For gallantry in action. As Cargo Security Officer aboard the S. S. *** when that vessel was torpedoed in the *** Ocean on *** March 1943. Although most of the crew immediately abandoned the ship, Major MADDEN risked his life to remain on board, and, with a small number of men, went below to man the pumps in a valiant effort to save the ship and its cargo, which were under his charge. When it was finally necessary to abandon the sinking ship, Major MADDEN declined a place in an already crowded lifeboat, and went over the side alone in the darkness with only a life jacket. He was picked up after two hours in the water. Major MADDEN'S gallant actions and devotion to duty reflect great honor upon himself and upon the military service. Entered military service from Fairfield, Iowa.

J. K. THOMPSON (RA), (134093), Captain, *** Unit, H. M. S. *** (British), for gallantry in action at *** *** Italy, during the period *** September 1943 to *** September 1943. As forward Observation Officer, attached to the *** Ranger Battalion, Captain THOMPSON occupied an observation post on Mt. *** directing accurate naval gun fire on German artillery and materiel. Despite the fact that during this entire period the observation post was subjected to terrific artillery fire and to German infantry attacks, and despite the fact that he was painfully wounded by shell fragments on the *** September 1943, Captain THOMPSON remained at the observation post until *** September 1943. He fired thirty-three missions and was credited with destroying many self-propelled 88's, trucks, and several ammunition and petrol dumps. As well, Captain THOMPSON kept such timely fire on Road *** that enemy motor movement was forced to detour out of range of the naval guns.

JUSTIN T. MCCARTHY, (01294881), First Lieutenant, Company **, *** Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. As a member of a group of parachutists operating 25 miles behind enemy lines, First Lieutenant MCCARTHY volunteered to join a party of five officers and thirty-eight enlisted men with the mission of blowing up a bridge in the vicinity of *** Italy, which was being used to advantage by the enemy. Upon reaching the objective on *** September 1943, the party was subjected to enemy fire from the opposite end of the bridge. Issuing orders to his group to open fire on the enemy outpost, First Lieutenant MCCARTHY led eight men to the edge of the bridge, and then with one enlisted man crawled forward to prepare the charge which successfully blew the bridge. For ten minutes not only was he subjected to intense fire from the enemy, but also from his own party. His valor and determination to accomplish his task in spite of his exceedingly dangerous position were an inspiration to his comrades and reflect great credit upon the Armed Forces. Entered military service from East Orange, New Jersey.

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GEORGE G. FONTANESI, (33079760), Staff Sergeant, Company ***, *** Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, Staff Sergeant FONTANESI, who speaks Italian fluently, operated alone in territory occupied by the enemy in large numbers, visiting enemy strong points and studying their positions. In one instance, he observed the enemy mining a bridge near ***, Italy, and after the enemy had left, he effectively deflected the charge. With information gained on his reconnaissance, he returned to his group of about twelve parachutists and made plans to harass the enemy at night. On the night of *** September 1943, he and his group placed several mines on roads the enemy was constantly using, and they continued to harass the enemy on subsequent days. The willingness of Staff Sergeant FONTANESI constantly to endanger his own safety, enabled him and his men to return after sixteen days behind the enemy line, through heavily patrolled enemy country. His courage, leadership and ingenuity are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect honor upon him and his organization. Entered military service from Library, Pennsylvania.

DONALD J. TARBET, (35413033), Sergeant, Battery ***, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, at ***, Italy, Sergeant TARBET, commander of landing Barge 75, distinguished himself in action, under heavy enemy fire, by placing his own life in peril that he might save his fellow soldiers. When his barge stalled under accurate enemy fire seventy-five yards from shore, Sergeant TARBET ordered his men into the water. Seeing that some of his men would drown if not aided, he gave his life-belt to one soldier; and, throwing off his own equipment, helped another man to reach the shore. Swimming back to the barge, Sergeant TARBET continued his rescue work under the accurate fire of enemy snipers. He gave assistance to those who could not swim, thus enabling them to reach shallow water and wade ashore. Sergeant TARBET'S courage under fire, his coolness and unswerving devotion to duty and crew, saved the lives of his men and inspired his entire command. Such heroic action and unselfish leadership are worthy of emulation. Entered military service from Bellaire, Ohio.

FRED (NMI) TERRY, (38001646), Sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action. On the morning of *** March 1943 near ***, Tunisia. As chief of a Forward Observation Section, Sergeant TERRY set up his radio communications at an observation post and was transmitting fire commands to his battery when the enemy suddenly counter-attacked at close range, throwing up a heavy barrage of mortar and machine gun fire. Sending the remainder of his section to the protection of a wadi, Sergeant TERRY remained at his post, without cover and in sight of the enemy, while shell fragments pierced the quarter-ton truck containing his radio. With calm courage he kept communications open while his artillery adjusted on and silenced the enemy mortars. The results decisively influenced the action. By his devotion to duty and his complete disregard for his own welfare, Sergeant TERRY upheld the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

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PAUL V. WILSON, (35209705), Technician Fourth Grade, Company ***, *** Battalion *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On the night of *** September 1943, Technician Fourth Grade WILSON, a member of a group of parachutists operating behind enemy lines, voluntarily left his place of cover to return to the town of ***, Italy, to guide stranded members of his organization to safety. Unfamiliar with enemy positions and the terrain, he walked two miles through streets crowded with enemy vehicles and troops who were searching for known American parachutists in that area. After narrowly escaping being discovered, he managed to contact one of his lost comrades, whom he led back through the town to a place of safety. His actions throughout this mission not only exemplify his loyalty to his comrades, but also his skill and courage as an individual soldier. Entered military service from Poca, West Virginia.

CARBOLL D. TOMBOW, (15012440), Corporal, Battery ***, *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action, on *** March 1943 near *** ***, Tunisia. Corporal TOMBOW, battery agent, was present at the Command Post of his battalion when it was subjected to an intense bombing and strafing attack by seventeen enemy planes. With complete disregard for wounds he had himself received, and heedless of the danger of bursting shells from a nearby ammunition trailer and enemy artillery fire being registered on the trailer, Corporal TOMBOW unhesitatingly went to the aid of two wounded comrades and helped administer first aid. It was not until all other wounded men had been taken care of that Corporal TOMBOW himself accepted medical aid. Corporal TOMBOW'S gallantry in the face of grave danger and his devotion to the interests of his comrades are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from North Lawrence, Ohio.

SAMUEL COOPERSTEIN, (31033979), Technician Fifth Grade, Company ***, *** Ranger Battalion. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, in the vicinity of *** Italy, during an attack by the Germans on Mt. *** ***, Technician Fifth Grade COOPERSTEIN undertook the task of carrying a wounded comrade to the rear for medical treatment. In order to do this it was necessary to cross an open stretch of ground which at the time was under fire from enemy mortars and small arms. Without thought of his own personal safety Technician Fifth Grade COOPERSTEIN, alone and unaided, carried the wounded soldier across this opening and on to the medical aid station. By Technician Fifth Grade COOPERSTEIN'S extreme effort and courage the wounded soldier reached the aid station in time for much-needed treatment. Later in the same attack, Technician Fifth Grade COOPERSTEIN served as platoon messenger over exposed ground and was responsible for the maintenance of contact with the remainder of his company. Technician Fifth Grade COOPERSTEIN'S actions during this attack reflect great credit upon the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Malden, Massachusetts.

CHARLES E. HARRIS, (29236391), Technician Fifth Grade, *** Engineer Shore Regiment. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, on the beaches near *** Italy, Technician Fifth Grade HARRIS, operating his bulldozer under severe

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and intense fire from enemy machine guns and 89mm guns, labored continuously for two hours to move three 40mm Bofors guns through soft sand to place them in position for use against the enemy. Then, upon successful completion of this hazardous task, he employed his machine in the construction of beach roadways. Though painfully injured in the right arm by machine gun fire during this operation he accepted only sufficient first aid to enable him to continue his task, and it was not until the continuous strafing had disabled his machine that he agreed to be evacuated to the rear. By efficiently performing hazardous duty, by displaying cool courage under unusually severe combat conditions, and by refusing, when wounded, to leave his task as long as his services were needed, Technician Fifth Grade HARRIS displayed exceptional gallantry under fire. Entered military service from Delano, Texas.

SPENCER E. BERRY, (38018570), Private First Class, Medical Detachment, *** Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, near *** Italy, when a tank attached to his battalion received three direct hits from enemy artillery fire, which was heavily concentrated in the area, the crew dismounted, and Private First Class BERRY immediately left his covered position nearby to go to the aid of the tank crew. One tanker was seriously wounded while abandoning his vehicle, and Private First Class BERRY sought him out, and under intense artillery crossfire, he calmly dressed his injured comrade's wounds and administered treatment. With complete disregard for his own safety, he performed his duties in a deliberate, soldierly fashion and his gallantry reflects great honor upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

JACK A. BIRD, (38062872), Private First Class, *** Antiaircraft Artillery (MG) Battery (Sep) (AB). For gallantry in action. On *** July 1943, east of *** Sicily, immediately after the LST upon which he was a passenger was hit by an enemy aerial bomb, Private First Class BIRD took over a machine gun from a soldier temporarily stunned. Despite being endangered by ammunition exploding aboard ship, he continued to operate the gun until all enemy aircraft were dispersed, thus aiding in saving the lives of those still on board ship and those swimming in the water. After the "abandon ship" order had been given, Private First Class BIRD, at the risk of his own life, assisted to shore a man who was completely exhausted and then turned back into the sea to bring another fellow soldier to safety. His gallant actions, which saved the lives of his comrades, are in keeping with the high traditions of the military service and are worthy of emulation. Entered military service from Curtiss, Oklahoma.

WESLEY E. GUNDERSON, (16023352), Private First Class, Company ***, *** Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, while on a day patrol nearly twenty miles behind the enemy lines, Private First Class GUNDERSON and four members of his rifle squad abruptly ran into an enemy bivouac area. The area was occupied by approximately three hundred troops and was located in a small valley covered with weeds and shrubbery. The enemy immediately opened fire with machine pistols and rifles. Private First

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Class GUNDERSON returned the fire with his Browning Automatic Rifle and ordered the four men to withdraw. With total disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class GUNDERSON succeeded in killing or wounding two of the enemy. By his personal bravery and loyalty to his comrades, Private First Class GUNDERSON aided greatly in their safe withdrawal. His actions reflect great credit to the Airborne Troops of the United States Army. Entered military service from Aniwa, Wisconsin.

HUBERT I. BEATTY, (39018593), Private, Company ***, ***, Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On the night of *** September 1943, although suffering from a sprained knee sustained in a parachute jump, Private BEATTY walked five miles to join an attack on the city of ***, Italy. Despite his condition, he aided materially in capturing ten of the enemy and two vehicles. During this time his group of one officer and twelve men was engaged in a fire fight in which Private BEATTY received an abdominal flesh wound. With great fortitude, he continued to fire, and staunchly refused to give up, in spite of his two injuries. He also aided in the withdrawal of his group after it was attacked by an enemy Armored Unit. By sheer courage, he walked for two days before joining a larger force of friendly troops and returned to friendly lines on *** October 1943. Private BEATTY'S gallant actions are deserving of high praise and emulation. Entered military service from Burbank, California.

V AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named officers:

ROBERT S. KINCH, (01555235), Second Lieutenant, *** Provisional Ordnance Ammunition Company. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. At *** ***, Algeria, on *** August 1943, Lieutenant KINCH was on duty at an ammunition dump when it exploded, endangering the lives of the men under his command. Despite exploding small arms fire and the danger of other explosions, he went promptly to the scene, aided the removal of two wounded men, and supervised the evacuation of other members of his personnel to a place of safety. His disregard for his personal safety, and his concern for the welfare of his men reflect the high standard of mental alertness and courage of the members of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

FRANCIE R. KUEHNE, (01550145), Second Lieutenant, *** Provisional Ordnance Ammunition Company. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. Lieutenant KUEHNE was on duty at an ammunition dump at *** ***, Algeria, on *** August 1943, when an explosion occurred, and he immediately went to the aid of two wounded men, although exploding ammunition placed him in great personal peril. He also supervised the removal of other men of his command to safety.

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The courage and calmness he displayed in this emergency was an inspiration to all soldiers present, and is in keeping with the highest ideals of the military service. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

WALTER S. SHULTISE, (01553172), Second Lieutenant, *** Provisional Ordnance Ammunition Company. For heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy. On *** August 1943, at ***, Algeria, Lieutenant SHULTISE was helping to direct work at an ammunition depot when an explosion occurred. Without hesitation and at great personal risk, Lieutenant SHULTISE rushed to the scene of the explosion and amid exploding small arms fire, he helped to direct the removal of two wounded men and the evacuation of other personnel to safety. His prompt, courageous actions saved the life of one of the wounded men and his actions are exemplary of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered Military service from South River, New Jersey.

By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:

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Asst. Adjutant General.

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Under the provisions of AR 600-45, the following enlisted men are awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action against the enemy:

Private First Class Gilbert F. Lattimore, 35561429,
379th Military Police Escort Guard Company. -

Private Sylvester J. Agnew, 35272855,
379th Military Police Escort Guard Company. -

By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:



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Captain, A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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I. AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted man:

PAUL C. GERLICH, (36352653), Private, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** September 1943, near ***, Italy, during an enemy attack, the platoon of which Private GERLICH was a member was surrounded. The members of an enemy machine gun crew made their way to the protection of a small house about twenty yards from the right flank of the platoon and opened a deadly enfilade fire. With utter disregard for his own life, Private GERLICH discarded his rifle, pulled the pins from two grenades, stood up in the face of the enemy's intense fire and charged the building, throwing in the two grenades. His magnificent and valorous action destroyed the machine gun nest and undoubtedly prevented the annihilation of his platoon. The extraordinary heroism displayed by Private GERLICH in the face of gravest danger is in keeping with the highest traditions of self sacrifice and daring of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois. Next of kin: Mrs. Agnes Gerlich (Mother), Chicago, Illinois.

II. AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officers:

WALTER E. DOWNE, (0432403), First Lieutenant, *** Armored Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** April 1943, at *** ***, Tunisia, while leading his tank company in an attack against a strongly defended enemy position, his tank was set afire, and he was severely burned about the face and body. With complete disregard for his own welfare he administered first aid treatment to his wounded crew members and then reorganized the company. For five hours he defended the area and personally directed artillery fire on the enemy positions. When his company was ordered to withdraw he was one of the last to leave the area. He rode on the outside of a tank so that the more severely wounded could ride inside.

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This tank was hit by an antitank shell, knocking him off; which resulted in his receiving additional injuries. He made his way on foot back to his unit and refused to be evacuated until he had reported to his battalion commander. The extraordinary heroism, perseverance, outstanding leadership and complete disregard for his own welfare displayed by First Lieutenant DOWNS merit recognition as an outstanding example of devotion to duty and are deserving of the highest praise. Entered military service from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

EDWIN F. GOULD, (01167445), Second Lieutenant, Headquarters *** Armored Field Artillery Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action. While acting as an artillery observer near ***, Italy, Second Lieutenant GOULD established an observation post on the infantry front lines within 500 yards of the enemy positions. Early on the morning of *** September 1943, the enemy attacked with a regiment supported by at least ten tanks, and although Second Lieutenant GOULD's post was swept by terrific fire from small arms, mortar and artillery during the entire morning, he coolly directed and adjusted his own fire on the enemy to help drive them back. At 1100 hours his observation post received a direct hit, and Second Lieutenant GOULD received a painful wound in his left eye. Though suffering intense pain, he refused all treatment and remained at his post amid continuous, devastating enemy fire to continue his accurate direction of fire which again broke up a pending enemy attack. Not until he had adjusted his battalion at dusk on possible avenues of enemy approach did he receive first aid treatment for his injury. Though strongly urged to rest, he remained awake at his post most of the night; and the following morning, for the third time, by accurate and rapid placement of artillery concentrations, he aided in breaking up the enemy attack and driving them to defensive positions. His magnificent bravery and infinite devotion to duty were an inspiration to his entire battalion and were a vital factor in the accomplishment of the battalion mission. Entered military service from Orange, California.

III. AWARDS OF SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted men:

CARLOS C. ALDEN, (0381690), Captain, Medical Corps, *** Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy, learning that a member of his battalion has been wounded and was in need of medical aid in an enemy patrolled area, Captain ALDEN left his place of comparative safety and with complete disregard for his own life, went to the aid of the wounded soldier. Because of the nature of the man's wounds, Captain ALDEN was in need of additional medical supplies from bundles which had been dropped by the planes in the battalion's jump the previous night. Although he knew that enemy patrols were actively

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searching the immediate vicinity for members of his parachute unit, Captain AIDEN set out to find the needed medical supplies, in order that the wounded soldier might be given every possible care. In his search for the supplies, Captain AIDEN was surrounded and captured, but later escaped. Captain AIDEN's great devotion to duty at grave personal risk, and his complete disregard of self in the interests of rendering medical service, reflect the highest traditions of the Medical Corps and are a credit to the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

FRANK PFLUGLER, (3077758), Sergeant, Parachute Scout Company, *** Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, on the island of ***, *** miles from the mainland of Italy, Sergeant PFLUGLER and two men, while on guard at an outpost near the dock, noticed a German vessel approximately ninety feet long put into the port of *** to build up steam. Under Sergeant PFLUGLER's leadership, the three men immediately ran to the boat and captured the fourteen German sailors manning the ship. While the enemy on the mainland shore opened fire on the ship with 88mm guns, Sergeant PFLUGLER stayed aboard and aided in guarding the prisoners to prevent them from putting out to sea. Although wounded during the intense and accurate fire which placed three direct hits on the vessel, he remained aboard ship until his prisoners could be taken ashore. Only with great fortitude in the face of danger and with an unswerving devotion to duty could such a feat be emulated. Entered military service from Northampton, Pennsylvania.

AMARANTE GARCIA, (18120410), Private First Class, Parachute Scout Company *** Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, on the island of ***, *** miles from the mainland of Italy, Private First Class GARCIA and two men, who were on guard at an outpost near the dock, noticed a German vessel approximately ninety feet long put into the port of *** to build up steam. Private First Class GARCIA and his comrades immediately ran to the boat and captured the fourteen German sailors manning the ship. While the enemy on the mainland shore started firing at the ship with 88mm guns, Private First Class GARCIA stayed aboard and aided in guarding the prisoners to prevent them from putting out to sea. In spite of the intense and accurate fire which placed three direct hits on the vessel over a thirty minute period, he remained on the boat until all the prisoners were removed from the vessel and taken onto the island. By his firm determination to perform his duty in the face of overwhelming fire and numerical superiority of his captives, Private First Class GARCIA accomplished a dangerous task with unusual valor. Entered military service from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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IV. AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

IRA W. PORTER, (0349700), Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, Headquarters Fifth Army. For wounds received in action on *** September 1943 at ***, Italy. Entered United States Military Academy from Nebraska. (Medal Number 178390) No

JOHN M. PHILLIPS, (0298606), Major, Infantry, Allied Force Headquarters. For wounds received in action on *** October 1943 at ***, Italy. No

WALTER H. RAPP, (0454231), First Lieutenant, Allied Force Headquarters. For wounds received in action on *** November 1943 at ***, Italy. (Medal Number 177272)

THOMAS J. FINN JR, (02046612), Second Lieutenant, Signal Corps, Headquarters Fifth Army. For wounds received in action on *** September 1943 at ***, Italy. Home Address: Towanda, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 177269) No

LYLE W. MARSHAND, (W2108224), Warrant Officer (Junior Grade), Headquarters Fifth Army. For wounds received in action on *** November 1943 at ***, Italy. Home Address: Lincoln, Indiana. (Medal Number 420308) No

JOE M. DEVRIES, (38219312), Technician Third Grade, 33rd Finance Disbursing Section. For wounds received in action on *** October 1943 at ***, Italy. Home Address: Dallas, Texas. (Medal Number 178295) -No

LESLIE (NMI) GOLDENBERG, (39540185), Technician Third Grade, 13th Finance Disbursing Section. For wounds received in action on *** October 1943 at ***, Italy. Home Address: Los Angeles, California. (Medal Number 177244) No

DAVID (NMI) FINKELSTEIN, (32704993), Private, 9th Machine Records Unit. For wounds received in action on *** October 1943 at ***, Italy. Home Address: New York, New York. (Medal Number 178494) -No

FRANK H. GORDIN, (39325564), Private, 9th Machine Records Unit. For wounds received in action on *** October 1943 at ***, Italy. Home Address: Portland, Oregon. (Medal Number 178300) -No

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FRANKLIN C. BRETT, (16068325), Private, 71st Signal Company (Special). - 76
For wounds received in action on *** October 1943 at ***, Italy. Home Address: Kansas City, Missouri. (Medal Number 178364)

HAROLD D. FOSTER, (38277691), Private, Headquarters Fifth Army. For wounds received in action on *** October 1943 at ***, Italy. Home Address - 76
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. (Medal Number 178864)

MICHAEL A. TOTH, (13021497), Private, Company L, *** Infantry Regiment. - 76
For wounds received in action on *** March 1943 at ***, Tunisia. (Medal Number 178281)

By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:

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AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officer:

JOSEPH B. CRAWFORD, (019215), Lieutenant Colonel, *** Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action. On the morning of *** July 1943, the *** Battalion, *** Infantry, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel CRAWFORD, was attacking toward ***, Sicily, from the narrow bridgehead they had gained the day before, when they were suddenly attacked by thirty to forty Mark IV and Mark VI tanks, followed by strong infantry support. Under the impact of this attack, the leading companies of the battalion were forced to give ground, leaving Lieutenant Colonel CRAWFORD isolated in his advance observation post, forward of all his troops, directly in the path of the advancing enemy tanks. Though under direct heavy artillery and machine gun fire from nearby tanks, Lieutenant Colonel CRAWFORD chose to remain in his observation post instead of withdrawing to safety. With the utmost calmness and precision, by using radio communication he called his supporting artillery and continued to adjust fire on the enemy armor until his own concentration was falling within 200 yards of his observation post. In an attempt to regain his battalion positions in order to reorganize his units for combat, Lieutenant Colonel CRAWFORD crossed over 300 yards of artillery and bullet-swept terrain, sustaining injuries that necessitated his evacuation despite his desire to carry on. By unselfishly offering to sacrifice himself and by performing his duty coolly and heroically in the face of the enemy and under terrific fire, he provided the inspiration that rallied his troops to repulse the enemy attack and eventually take their objective. Entered military service from Humbolt, Kansas.

By command of Lieutenant General CLARK:

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AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

✓ THOMAS E. LEWIS, (015020), Brigadier General, United States Army, Artillery Section, Headquarters Fifth Army. For wounds received in action on 9 September 1943, at Salerno, Italy. Home address: San Antonio, Texas.

✓ RUDY F. POLLAK, (0413011), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Temple, Texas. (Medal Number 233239)

✓ BERNARD B. STONE, (01037737), Second Lieutenant, Chemical Warfare Service, Company B, 83rd Chemical Battalion. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Chicago, Illinois. (Medal Number 233078)

✓ JOSEPH E. FERRENCE, (32240575), Sergeant, Company B, 83rd Chemical Battalion. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Elizabeth, New Jersey. (Medal Number 229313)

✓ RICHARD M. GREENE, (20704734), Sergeant, Company F, 3rd Ranger Battalion. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Des Moines, Iowa. (Medal Number 233143)

✓ ARCH W. A. MEYER, (37036710), Sergeant, 6th Company, 2nd Regiment, 1st Special Service Force. For wounds received in action on 7 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Deadwood, South Dakota. (Medal Number 233078)

✓ CURTIS D. STURM, (36317387), Technician Fourth Grade, 5th Company, 2nd Regiment, 1st Special Service Force. For wounds received in action on 5 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Toulon, Illinois. (Medal Number 233114)

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✓ WALTER R. BOWLES, (38037216), Corporal, Company F, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Nocona, Texas. (Medal Number 233236)

✓ ELTON (NMI) BRENT, (38051475), Corporal, Company H, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Lovelady, Texas. (Medal Number 233149)

✓ JAMES D. CONWAY, (37340852), Corporal, Company A, 3rd Ranger Battalion. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Little Rock, Arkansas. (Medal Number 233240)

✓ HENRY C. CORDLE, (34337287), Corporal, Company A, 3rd Ranger Battalion. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Enterprise, Iowa. (Medal Number 233086)

✓ JOHNNIE (NMI) KONARIK, (38026870), Corporal, Company I, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Halltsville, Texas. (Medal Number 233099)

✓ JOE F. RUKOWITZ, (38026653), Corporal, Company H, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Kyle, Texas. (Medal Number 233150)

✓ CARL J. ROZICH, (36357931), Corporal, Company F, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Joliet, Illinois. (Medal Number 233096)

✓ JACOB M. WITTEL, (33231035), Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Elizabeth Town, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 233293)

✓ CURTIS R. ALTHOFF, (13154451), Private First Class, Company E, 142nd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 7 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 233089)

STEPHEN J. ALUSIK, (33271154), Private First Class, Company C, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Pulaski, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 233118)

AUGUST F. BERTRAM, (38205153), Private First Class, Company M, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Damon, Texas. (Medal Number 233265)

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✓ FREDERICK G. FLEISCHER, (32800102), Private First Class, Company I, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Utica, New York. (Medal Number 229353)

✓ CLEMENT J. HAHN, (36320241), Private First Class, Company C, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home Address: Wheaton, Illinois. (Medal Number 233104)

✓ EDMOND W. HILL, (34391719), Private First Class, Company B, 83rd Chemical Battalion. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Newcastle, Alabama. (Medal Number 233076)

✓ CARL E. JACKES, (37379491), Private First Class, Company K, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home Address: Monett, Missouri. (Medal Number 229361)

✓ BURLEIGH T. KAY, (33126342), Private First Class, Company C, 142nd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 7 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Milford, Virginia. (Medal Number 233128)

✓ HARRY F. KEMBLE, (32237292), Private First Class, Company I, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Sussex, New Jersey. (Medal Number 229350)

✓ LOYAL D. LANE, (36173893), Private First Class, Company M, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Edwardsburg, Michigan. (Medal Number 233094)

✓ JOHN C. LESCINSKY, (33057697), Private First Class, Company G, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Simpson, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 233151)

✓ CALVIN L. LANGLEY, (33225792), Private First Class, Company B, 83rd Chemical Battalion. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Norfolk, Virginia. (Medal Number 233152)

✓ MANUEL H. LUNA, (39285887), Private First Class, Company I, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Los Angeles, California. (Medal Number 233112)

✓ SIDNEY L. McALLISTER, (34426862), Private First Class, Company B, 83rd Chemical Battalion. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Sheffield, Alabama. (Medal Number 233154)

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✓ JAMES H. McELVEEN, (34764563), Private First Class, Company L, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Atlanta, Georgia. (Medal Number 233080)

✓ WARREN E. MATTHEWS (35305449), Private First Class, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Youngstown, Ohio. (Medal Number 233264)

✓ JESUS J. NIETO, (20802328), Private First Class, Company H, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: El Paso, Texas. (Medal Number 233270)

✓ ROY T. RECTOR, (6368259), Private First Class, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Spring City, Tennessee. (Medal Number 233085)

✓ GORDON L. ROBERTS, (31140672), Private First Class, Company F, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Milbridge, Maine. (Medal Number 229337)

✓ ERWIN W. ROHLF, (13089308), Private First Class, Company K, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Uniontown, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 233092)

✓ CHARLES F. SCHMIDT, (20809521), Private First Class, Company L, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Malone, Texas. (Medal Number 233140)

✓ JOHN M. SUNNY, (33268255), Private First Class, Company L, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Beaverfalls, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 233292)

✓ JAMES F. D'ARCY, (12058230), Private First Class, Company E, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: New York, N. Y. (Medal Number 229329)

✓ LAWRENCE A. D'ASARO, (32209135), Private, Company I, 179th Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 6 December 1943, in the vicinity of Traverreco, Italy. Home address: New York, N. Y. (Medal Number 229226)

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✓ JOSEPH A. DEKONINCK, (35551506), Private, Company G, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Hoagland, Indiana. (Medal Number 233130)

✓ CHARLES M. DE LA ROSA, (20808852), Private, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Galveston, Texas. (Medal Number 233148)

✓ AUGUSTIN C. DELGADO, (32820050), Private, Company I, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Brooklyn, New York. (Medal Number 233088)

✓ VERNON T. DINES, (37236397), Private, Company G, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Appleton, Missouri. (Medal Number 233110)

✓ JOHN O. FORCE, (32839415), Private, Company I, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Elmira, New York. (Medal Number 233144)

✓ ARTHUR A. FOWLER, (35607550), Private, Company M, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Canton, Ohio. (Medal Number 229308)

✓ TROY W. FRAZIER, (34760808), Private, Company G, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 7 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Atlanta, Georgia. (Medal Number 233308)

✓ FRANKLIN E. GOODMAN, (32267568), Private, Company E, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Newcastle, Delaware. (Medal Number 229352)

✓ RUDOLF W. GOODSPEED, (31340941), Private, Company F, 3rd Ranger Battalion. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Northreck, New York. (Medal Number 233274)

✓ BILLY J. GREEN, (20804221), Private, Company K, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Brownwood, Texas. (Medal Number 233129)

✓ KENNETH H. HAYNES, (35548489), Private, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Whitehouse, Ohio. (Medal Number 233238)

✓ RALPH M. HEATH, (19111043), Private, Company A, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: San Diego, California. (Medal Number 229347)

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✓ BERT D. HOGG, (32637343), Private, Company L, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro,
Italy. Home address: Brooklyn, New York. (Medal Number 233126)

✓ EMORY V. HOLMES, (33562166), Private, Company L, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro,
Italy. Home address: Baltimore, Maryland. (Medal Number 233269)

✓ HAROLD B. JARVIS, (35052890), Private, Company C, 142nd Infantry Regiment.
For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro,
Italy. Home address: Central City, Kentucky. (Medal Number 233077)

✓ CLOVIS J. JONES, (34426723), Private, Company B, 83rd Chemical Battalion.
For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro,
Italy. Home address: Guntown, Mississippi. (Medal Number 233251)

✓ VICTOR W. LOOMIS, (36456173), Private, Company I, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro,
Italy. Home address: Lansing, Michigan. (Medal number 233145)

✓ NUNZIO S. MANTO, (32821070), Private, Company I, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro,
Italy. Home address: Long Island City, New York. (Medal Number 233146)

✓ HARRY (NMI) MASTERS, (35049109), Private, Company C, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro,
Italy. Home address: Newton Falls, Ohio. (Medal Number 229334)

✓ HERMAN L. MAY, (34426642), Private, Company B, 83rd Chemical Battalion.
For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro,
Italy. Home address: Forest, Mississippi. (Medal Number 233136)

✓ JOHN R. MUDRICK, (31248443), Private, Company K, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro,
Italy. Home address: Fairfield, Connecticut. (Medal Number 233091)

✓ FRANK K. MOSKUS, (33275970), Private, Company I, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro,
Italy. Home address: New Kensington, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 233288)

✓ GEORGE J. OSWALD, (33571921), Private, Company I, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro,
Italy. Home address: Altoona, Pennsylvania. (Medal Number 229302)

✓ EMMETTE W. REEDER, (34543965), Private, Company B, 143rd Infantry Regiment.
For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro,
Italy. Home address: Clarksville, Florida. (Medal Number 233147)

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JOE (NMI) SANTALUCIA, (82771645), Private, Company F, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Garfield, New Jersey. (Medal Number 233097)

EDWARD A. SARNA, (36738706), Private, Company F, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Chicago, Illinois. (Medal Number 233079)

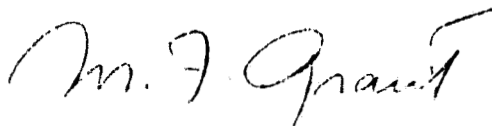
THOMAS A. VOLTERO, (31301199), Private, Company G, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Chelsea, Massachusetts. (Medal Number 229357)

JOSEPH A. WISNIENSKI, (32208567), Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143rd Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on 8 December 1943, in the vicinity of San Pietro, Italy. Home address: Jersey City, New Jersey. (Medal Number 233289)

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I AWARDS, POSTHUMOUS, OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded, posthumously, to the following named enlisted men:

CHARLES E. WHEELER, (36319618), Private First Class, Company K, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** September 1943, the battalion of which Private First Class WHEELER was a member became engaged in bitter conflict with the enemy in an effort to secure the mountainous terrain in the vicinity of ***, Italy. During this engagement Private First Class WHEELER performed the duties of ammunition carrier for a light machine gun squad, while continually under heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. In the afternoon he became so exhausted carrying his burdensome load up the steep slope into *** that he fell unconscious. However, upon regaining consciousness, he immediately returned to his task and continued to carry ammunition until the late morning hours of the following day. At this time the gunner and assistant gunner of his squad became wounded and were unable to operate their gun. Seeing that the enemy fire was seriously endangering his unit's position, Private First Class WHEELER, upon his own initiative and unassisted, took over the gun, which was in position on an open balcony. Thinking only of the effectiveness and efficiency of his command, he fired the machine gun from this exposed position until mortally wounded. Even then, he continued to fire until he fell to the floor dead. With courage equaled only by his ineffable fidelity to duty, he willingly gave his life for the good of his command. Next of kin: Mrs. Amelia Wheeler (Mother), Chicago, Illinois.

RICHARD FERRIS, (32335477), Private, Battery C, *** Field Artillery Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action. Shortly after dawn on *** September 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy, Private FERRIS, recorder for his battery, which was delivering artillery fire in support of infantry units landing on the beaches, volunteered his services in answer to a call for a cannoneer. Although the battery's position was exposed to constant shelling by enemy artillery and heavy machine gun fire, Private FERRIS remained at the gun until

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wounded by a shell fragment. Refusing to be evacuated, he insisted on returning to action after receiving necessary first aid. Largely through his heroic efforts the gun he helped to man in support of the attacking infantry accounted for two enemy machine guns, two artillery pieces, and dispersed four tanks, thereby contributing materially to the establishment of the bridgehead on the beach. Private FERRIS was killed when struck by a second shell fragment during his voluntary and courageous performance of this hazardous duty. The magnificent heroism and undying determination displayed by Private FERRIS in returning to his task after being wounded to so effectively perform his task in the face of such overwhelming fire exemplify the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Richard Ferris (wife), Bronx, New York.

CHARLES R. HANES, (34312859), Private, Company I, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** September 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy, Private HANES, moving well forward of his platoon, advanced toward an enemy machine gun position. In the face of concentrated machine gun and rifle fire from the enemy emplacement, Private HANES, by using hand grenades, killed the crew and destroyed the emplacement. Having accomplished this dangerous task, he again moved forward aggressively, determined to continue his devastating, single-handed blows against the enemy, until he was struck by a burst of machine gun fire and mortally wounded. Private HANES' indomitable courage and determination to defeat the enemy despite such overwhelming odds will always be an inspiration to those who witnessed his valorous deeds. Entered military service from Winston Salem, North Carolina. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary R. Hanes (Mother), Winston Salem, North Carolina.

II AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted men:

ARNOLD C. BJORKLUND, (01287993), Second Lieutenant, Company I, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** September 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy, Second Lieutenant BJORKLUND led his platoon in an assault on an enemy occupied hill in the face of concentrated machine gun and rifle fire. Moving well out in front in order to encourage his men, he was the first person into the enemy position, which he reached by skillfully advancing up a steep slope with very little cover and with severe enemy fire directed at him. Moving forward midway between two hostile machine gun positions, he destroyed both with his carbine fire and hand grenades, thereby permitting the advance of his platoon. His bravery and intrepidity so inspired his men that they were able to overrun the enemy position and seize the high ground. Continuing his advance, Second Lieutenant BJORKLUND, observing an enemy mortar position on the reverse slope of the hill, worked his way to the flank and succeeded in destroying this last emplacement, thereby allowing the successful advance of his platoon. Second Lieutenant BJORKLUND'S courage and inexorable determination, as well as his ability

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to inspire his men and set a superb example for them to follow, exemplify magnificent qualities of leadership. Entered military service from Clinton, Washington.

JACK G. BERRY, (20807564), Sergeant, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On the morning of *** September 1943, near ***, Italy, Sergeant BERRY volunteered with two other men to destroy two German machine gun nests which were holding up the advance of his platoon. Under enemy fire so intense that the entire platoon was pinned to the ground, Sergeant BERRY filled his shirt with hand grenades and advanced across bullet-sprayed terrain to a position from which he could toss his grenades. Knocking out the first machine gun, he crawled with his companions to an even more dangerous position from which he silenced the second emplacement. Sergeant BERRY'S magnificent performance of these heroic acts materially assisted his platoon in accomplishing its mission. His infinite courage in not hesitating until his perilous task was fully completed is deserving of highest praise and is an added enrichment to the heroic traditions of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Mexia, Texas.

WILLIE B. SLAUGHTER, (20807575), Sergeant, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** September 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy, Sergeant SLAUGHTER, a squad leader, volunteered to assist in destroying two enemy machine guns which had halted the advance of his platoon. With two other men he courageously advanced under intense fire to a position from which he could throw his grenade into the machine gun emplacement. After destroying the first machine gun he moved to an even more dangerous position and assisted in neutralizing the second machine gun, while personally accounting for two Germans who were firing machine pistols from concealed positions. His inspirational and aggressive conduct in the performance of this hazardous task contributed immensely to the successful accomplishment of the platoon's mission with a minimum loss of life. Sergeant SLAUGHTER'S courageous action under fire reflects greatest credit upon himself and upholds the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Mexia, Texas.

THOMAS W. CORCORAN, (32301063), Corporal, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On the afternoon of *** September 1943, near ***, Italy, Corporal CORCORAN, then a platoon scout, volunteered with one other man to destroy two enemy machine guns which had opened up at close range on his platoon, making it impossible for his unit to advance. Skillfully, he crawled across the open terrain under terrific fire to reach a position from which he could effectively throw his grenades. Tossing two grenades at the enemy, Corporal CORCORAN valiantly charged the position, captured one member of the crew, and caused the remainder to flee for their lives. The second enemy machine gun crew, seeing the fate of their comrades, also hastily evacuated their nest, leaving behind their weapon and equipment. Corporal CORCORAN'S intrepid performance was directly responsible for the successful occupation of the enemy position by his platoon. In the face of overwhelming fire superiority, he demon-

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strated insuperable valor and fortitude. Entered military service from Union City, New Jersey.

HENRY C. KRANZ, (13091148), Private First Class, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On the afternoon of *** September 1943, in the vicinity of *** Italy, Private First Class KRANZ, a platoon scout, and one of his comrades volunteered to destroy two enemy machine guns which were holding up the advance of the platoon. With complete disregard for his own life he moved across open terrain under intense fire in order to assault the position. While advancing, he and his companion were fired upon by a sniper. Dangerously exposing himself, Private First Class KRANZ arose from a fold in the ground and fired at the enemy rifleman, causing him to run for safety. Resuming his advance, Private First Class KRANZ reached a spot near one machine gun nest, tossed his grenade and then assaulted the position, capturing one member of the crew while the others ran for their lives. The other enemy machine gun crew, upon witnessing this assault, also hastily retreated, leaving their weapon and equipment in place. Private First Class KRANZ'S accomplishment was an important contribution to his platoon's successful attack at an extremely critical time, and his actions were a notable example of prodigious courage. Entered military service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM J. CRAWFORD, (37351167), Private, Company I, *** Infantry Regiment. For extraordinary heroism in action. On *** September 1943, in the vicinity of *** Italy, Private CRAWFORD, while advancing with his company, observed a German machine gun to his front which subsequently delayed the advance of his unit by the intensity and accuracy of its fire. Quickly realizing the hazard to his comrades, Private CRAWFORD deliberately and courageously proceeded forward in the face of intense fire. Without orders and on his own initiative, he moved toward the enemy machine gun, which was dug in on a terrace, and single-handedly destroyed the crew with hand grenades and rifle fire, thus enabling his unit to continue its advance. Again, Private CRAWFORD moved directly to the front midway between two hostile machine gun nests located on a higher terrace, and again he neutralized them with his rifle and hand grenades to further facilitate his company's advance. The heroism, determination, and initiative displayed by Private CRAWFORD in the face of such overwhelming fire superiority, are worthy of highest praise and emulation, and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Pueblo, Colorado.

III AWARDS. POSTHUMOUS. OF SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

THOMAS J. WEBSTER (021831), Major, Headquarters *** Army. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, Major WEBSTER volunteered to obtain infor-

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mation as to whether or not the town of ***, Italy, was occupied by Germans. Passing on foot through friendly lines, he arrived at a point within 50 yards of enemy outposts. From there he traversed the entire length of the enemy positions, crawling from one post to another and permitting himself to be seen in order to draw hostile fire. He was fired upon continually by small arms, heavy weapons and artillery. After making sketches and notes of enemy dispositions, weapons, and fortifications, he returned to friendly lines through heavy fire, narrowly escaping serious injury when a shell fragment ripped the sleeve of his jacket. Through Major WEBSTER'S courage and resourcefulness, information was obtained which proved extremely valuable in the subsequent attack that drove the enemy from *** and cleared the way for further advances by the *** Army towards ***. The cool and deliberate manner in which Major WEBSTER successfully completed a dangerous mission exemplifies the high traditions of the military service. Entered the United States Military Academy from Hornell, New York. Next of kin: Mrs. Christine W. Packard (Mother), North Hornell, New York.

VINCENT J. SINATRA, (32343247), Private, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On the afternoon of *** September 1943, near ***, Italy, Private SINATRA, as acting corporal, was placed in charge of a patrol with the mission of contacting the unit on his platoon's right flank. Upon nearing the adjacent platoon, he observed that it was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire. Realizing the dangers involved in proceeding further, he demonstrated remarkable presence of mind and gallant leadership by placing the other members of his patrol under cover while he moved forward alone to contact platoon leader and obtain the desired information, which later proved invaluable to the successful operation of his organization. While returning to his platoon he was painfully wounded in his right side. Thinking only of his men and his duty, he led the patrol back to his platoon, making no mention of his wound. Later, his platoon leader, having no knowledge of Private SINATRA'S injury, sent him as patrol leader on another mission. While leading this patrol Private SINATRA was killed by an enemy sniper. His valor, fortitude, and steadfastness to duty, as well as his great personal sacrifice, provide an everlasting inspiration to his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs. Sophia Sinatra (Mother), Staten Island, New York.

IV AWARDS OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted men:

GENE L. WILSON, (01308572), Second Lieutenant, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On the night of *** September 1943, Second Lieutenant WILSON led his platoon on a raid against a strongly held enemy position near ***, Italy. While advancing, he and his men were caught between heavy machine gun fire at close range from both flanks and the front. At this critical time, Second Lieutenant WILSON directed continuous fire against

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the hostile positions by courageously exposing himself to deadly enemy fire. Fearlessly moving among his men to encourage and instruct them, he skillfully maneuvered his platoon into positions to knock out both flank machine guns and cause the frontal gun to withdraw. Second Lieutenant WILSON'S heroic actions and skillful leadership in the face of terrific fire enabled him to accomplish a mission which was invaluable to his commander in planning a co-ordinated attack by British and American troops. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

~~W~~ HARRY COHEN, (36319938), Sergeant, Company C, *** Chemical Battalion. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, on the high ground overlooking the *** Plain, Sergeant COHEN was in charge of a gun crew when one of his men became wounded. After aiding in the evacuation of the injured man, he returned to his gun position and found it under heavy shell fire. Slightly forward of this location in an area where British armored equipment had been parked, Sergeant COHEN perceived two British soldiers lying wounded, under constant, terrific fire, unable to move. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant COHEN moved forward under the intense artillery barrage and carried the two wounded men to a place of safety. His courageous and inspiring action exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Peoria, Illinois.

GUY W. JEANES, (38058524), Private First Class, Headquarters Company, *** Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action, on *** September 1943, near *** Italy. Private First Class JEANES, a member of a parachute unit operating behind enemy lines, volunteered to carry demolition equipment for a patrol with the mission of blowing up a bridge being used to advantage by the enemy. After a ten-mile march over rugged, mountainous terrain, the parachutists reached their objective and were immediately fired upon by an enemy patrol from the opposite end of the bridge. Private First Class JEANES, dangerously exposed to his own supporting fire and under continuous enemy fire, crawled forward with his demolition equipment to the end of the bridge and placed his charge. Ten minutes later he had successfully completed his hazardous task, and the bridge was destroyed. Private First Class JEANES' courage and coolness under fire were an inspiration to his comrades and are exemplary of the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from San Augustine, Texas.

CHRISTOL F. QUINTANA, (37349782), Private First Class, Company B, *** Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action. On the night of *** September 1943, near *** Italy, Private First Class QUINTANA, an automatic rifleman, was directed by his platoon leader to fire on two enemy machine gun nests which had pinned down the platoon. He was to open fire upon the signal of exploding grenades in the vicinity of the machine gun positions. However, before the emplacements were assaulted, Private First Class QUINTANA was struck by a bullet which lodged in his scalp. Although seriously wounded and dazed, he remembered his assigned task and pulled himself to his feet. At the moment

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the grenades exploded he opened fire, materially assisting in the destruction of the two emplacements. This vital contribution to the success of his platoon's mission was accomplished through Private First Class QUATTANA'S courage, determination and impregnable loyalty to duty. Entered military service from Pagosa Junction, Colorado.

PAUL E. WEIKEL, (33240918), Private First Class, Company C, *** Chemical Battalion. For gallantry in action. On *** September 1943, on high ground overlooking the Plain of ***, Private First Class WEIKEL was stationed at an observation post with the forward observer for his platoon, a British officer, and two communications personnel. The position was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire, forcing the evacuation of the area. Upon reaching a place of safety, the group discovered that material and documents containing important military information had been left behind. Private First Class WEIKEL volunteered to return to the evacuated position. While the shelling was still in progress, unmindful of great danger, he made his way to the area and recovered the equipment and documents which might otherwise have been lost or captured. His valiant action served as an inspiration to his comrades and is emblematic of the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

COLBERT W. STARR, (58015826), Private, Headquarters Company, *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action, on *** September 1943, near ***, Italy. Private STARR, a radio operator, was charged with the vital responsibility of maintaining thin channels of communication while his battalion was withdrawing in the face of a heavy enemy counter-attack. Because of the necessity of close contact with the battalion commander, the radio vehicle was located near the battalion observation post, in a dangerously exposed position under constant enemy heavy artillery fire and small arms fire from enemy snipers. During Private STARR'S five-hour vigil between fifty and one hundred shells fell within fifty yards of his position, and several burst not more than ten yards from his vehicle. However, he fearlessly remained at his post, keeping open at all times the channels of communication with the regimental and subordinate unit commanders. Private STARR'S courage in the midst of heavy enemy fire and his steadfast performance of duty enabled his commander to exercise complete control over the movement which resulted in the successful reorganization and withdrawal of the battalion. Entered military service from Stilwell, Oklahoma.

V AWARDS OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

HENRY P. SLOBODA, (01173780), First Lieutenant,
Service Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered military service from Newburgh, New York.

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DAVID SIMPSON, (32048131), First Sergeant,
Service Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

JOHN BARTOSZ, (32130742), Technician Fifth Grade,
Service Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered military service from Lackawanna, New York.

For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy, on *** September 1943, at ***, Algeria. While a group of enlisted men were swimming near the beach, a native boy was caught in the undertow. The above named officer and enlisted men, with utter disregard for their own safety, rushed to the boy, and rescued him from drowning. In the meantime, another soldier who had started out to aid the boy was caught in the dangerous undertow and was in danger of drowning. Although exhausted, the officer and two enlisted men assisted in his rescue. The courage and selflessness displayed by First Lieutenant SLOBODA, First Sergeant SIMPSON, and Technician Fifth Grade BARTOSZ reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

THEODORE L. KING, (37178458), Private First Class,
Medical Detachment, *** Evacuation Hospital.
Entered military service from Rochester, Minnesota.

CHARLES E. WHEELER, (35405321), Private,
Medical Detachment, *** Evacuation Hospital.
Entered military service from Zanesville, Ohio.

For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy, on *** September 1943. While moving with their organization from Africa to Italy, these men were aboard a ship which was torpedoed by the enemy. Having boarded a lifeboat after the "abandon ship" order, the two men voluntarily returned to the stricken vessel and aided in removing the wounded. Despite the risk of anticipated explosions, they assisted in removing two of their comrades to safety in fracture baskets, and then improvised a blanket sling for the removal of a third soldier. Private First Class KING and Private WHEELER were two of the last men to leave the ship. Their courage and efficient action in the face of grave peril saved the lives of three of their comrades.

HAROLD G. EILERS, (01047508), Second Lieutenant,
Battery C, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (AW).
Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

GEORGE BALKO, (37222623), Sergeant,
Battery C, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (AW).
Entered military service from Sugar Creek, Missouri.

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For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy, on *** August 1943, at ***, Algeria. Second Lieutenant EILERS and Sergeant BALKO, while swimming near the beach, perceived a drowning soldier approximately 60 yards from the shore, in deep water with no one near him. Without hesitation and heedless of the danger from high wind, waves and submerged rocks in the immediate vicinity of the drowning man, Second Lieutenant EILERS and Sergeant BALKO swam to his aid and succeeded in bringing the man to shore despite the heavy undertow. Through their heroism and complete disregard for their own personal safety the soldier's life was saved.

CHARLES F. ACITO, (32118489), Staff Sergeant,
Battery C, *** Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

VINCENT M. RODELLI, (32160313), Corporal,
Battery C, *** Field Artillery Battalion.
Entered military service from Astoria, L. I., New York.

For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy, on *** September 1943, at ***, Algeria. While swimming in a rough sea, a fellow soldier was carried out by the waves and became exhausted trying to swim back to shore. Another soldier swam to his rescue and also became exhausted. Staff Sergeant ACITO and Corporal RODELLI, at the risk of their lives, swam out against the strong undertow to the helpless soldiers and carried them back to shore. By their heroism and disregard for their own personal safety, Staff Sergeant ACITO and Corporal RODELLI saved two soldier's lives.

GLEN J. HILDEBRANT, (37177796), Corporal,
Medical Detachment, *** Evacuation Hospital.
Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

DUDLEY H. HUSZ, (37121324), Private First Class,
Medical Detachment, *** Evacuation Hospital.
Entered military service from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy, on *** September 1943. While moving with their organization from Africa to Italy, these enlisted men were aboard a ship which was torpedoed. Having abandoned ship under orders, they voluntarily returned to assist in lowering the remaining life rafts into the water. This task they performed under the imminent danger of highly explosive cargo igniting on board the vessel. Corporal HILDEBRANT and Private First Class HUSZ were two of the last men to abandon the ship. Their heroic accomplishment in the face of great peril undoubtedly saved the lives of many of their comrades who were in the water without life rafts.

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ROY V. HAMILTON, (39605444), Staff Sergeant,
Company E, *** Engineers (GS) Regiment.
Entered military service from Philipsburg, Montana.

JOHN A. BURCH, (18080959), Sergeant,
Company E, *** Engineers (GS) Regiment.
Entered military service from Wichita Falls, Texas.

For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy, on *** October 1943, at ***, Italy. While working on the cribbing of a bridge pier, Staff Sergeant HAMILTON and Sergeant BURCH observed a fellow soldier fall into the *** River. The soldier, slightly dazed when struck by a plank, was being carried downstream by the deep, cold, and turbulent waters. Unhesitatingly and at the risk of their own lives, Staff Sergeant HAMILTON and Sergeant BURCH dived into the water fully clothed to rescue the helpless man. Endangered by suction created by a nearby dam and logs floating in the swift current, they towed the man safely to shore. The courage and selflessness displayed by Staff Sergeant HAMILTON and Sergeant BURCH reflect the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

RAYMOND F. LYNCH, (01578975). First Lieutenant, *** Evacuation Hospital. For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy, on *** September 1943. While moving with his organization from Africa to Italy, First Lieutenant LYNCH was aboard a ship which was torpedoed by an enemy submarine. Orders were given for abandoning ship. In the excitement and confusion, an enlisted man who could not swim jumped overboard and tried to reach a raft without success. First Lieutenant LYNCH swam to his rescue and helped him aboard a life raft. Because this raft was already heavily loaded with men, First Lieutenant LYNCH swam to another one which was less crowded. His bravery, as well as his consideration for the safety and comfort of his men, are worthy of high praise and emblematical of good leadership. Entered military service from Middletown Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH E. FLORENTINO, (20119428), Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery *** Coast Artillery Battalion (AA). For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy. On *** September 1943, at ***, Tunisia, Technical Sergeant FLORENTINO, unhesitatingly and without thought of his own safety, swam to the rescue of a soldier who was 200 or more yards from shore and was being carried out by the undertow. After a lengthy struggle against the undertow, he succeeded in bringing the drowning man to shore. The courage and prompt action displayed by Technical Sergeant FLORENTINO in saving a soldier's life at the risk of his own, are exemplary and worthy of high praise. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

CADMUS E. CHURCH, (39163286), Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, *** Coast Artillery Battalion (AA). For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy, on *** September 1943, at ***, Tunisia. Despite a heavy surf and

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strong undertow, Technical Sergeant CHURCH, unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his own safety, swam to the aid of another soldier who was being carried out by an undertow. Only after a long and difficult struggle against the sea was he able to bring the drowning man to safety. His courage and tenacity in saving the life of his fellow soldier are worthy of high praise and emulation. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

JAMES A. CUFFE, (20638471), Sergeant, Service Battery, *** Field Artillery Battalion. For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy. On *** September 1943, at ***, Algeria, while a group of enlisted men from Sergeant CUFFE'S battery were in swimming, one of them was caught in the undertow and was about to drown. Sergeant CUFFE, with utter disregard for his own safety, swam to the aid of the drowning man. Himself in great peril, and unable to bring the drowning man to shore, Sergeant CUFFE saved the life of his comrade by remaining with him until additional help arrived. His heroism and courageousness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Hancock, Michigan.

ROBERT M. PATTON, (13031845), Technician Fourth Grade, *** Ordnance Maintenance Company (Antiaircraft). For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy. On the morning of *** June 1943 at approximately 0300 hours, Technician Fourth Grade PATTON and two of his comrades were manufacturing bangalores from mortar shells in a shop truck, when a spark ignited a propelling charge to cause the shell to explode. A sheet of flame filled the shop truck, setting it afire and seriously burning all three men. Although painfully burned with his clothes still aflame, Technician Fourth Grade PATTON seized the fire extinguisher and brought the flame under complete control before concerning himself with extinguishing the flames which had caught on his own clothes. By his prompt, unselfish and efficient action, much valuable equipment was saved, and the important work of making bangalores was resumed with a minimum of delay. Technician Fourth Grade PATTON'S quick thinking and courageous action in the face of such grave personal peril were an inspiration to all his comrades, and are in keeping with the high tradition of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS A. STANTON, (35317206), Corporal, Battery H, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Regiment. For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy. On the night of *** September 1943, at ***, Italy, Corporal STANTON was in charge of a gun section during a "Red Alert" in which darkness and a smoke screen made observation impossible. A member of the section, while preparing the piece for action fell approximately fifteen feet from the mole on which the position was located to the rocks and sea below. Corporal STANTON, with complete disregard for his own safety, jumped to the rocks and into the water below, unmindful of the fact that he was unable to see. In a heavy sea which was carrying the soldier away from shore, Corporal STANTON sought him out in the darkness and returned him to the safety of the mole. Corporal STANTON'S heroic action in saving the life of his comrade at grave risk of his own life reflects great credit both to himself and to the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

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HAROLD B. SMALLWOOD, (35489162). Private, Company E, *** Engineer Regiment (GS). For heroism not involved in conflict with the enemy. On *** October 1943, at ***, Italy, while on duty as an angledozer operator on a main supply road to the front, Private SMALLWOOD was cooking a meal over a small fire in a ditch beside the road. Another angledozer operator accidentally backed into an 8-ton trailer standing on the road directly above the site of the fire and upset several gasoline cans. One of the cans burst open, spilling its contents on the ground. The gasoline ran down the slope and into the fire where it burst into flame. Realizing the danger of fire spreading to the angledozer, trailer and a nearby truck, Private SMALLWOOD, without regard for his personal safety, immediately ran to the trailer and kicked the flaming gasoline can from under it and extinguished the fire. He received severe burns, necessitating hospitalization. Private SMALLWOOD'S courage and unhesitating action in the face of great personal danger undoubtedly saved valuable equipment from partial or complete destruction. Entered military service from Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

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I AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to the following named enlisted man:

awards given 1/7/44
✓ **MANUEL S. GONZALES, (38066072), Sergeant, Company F, *** Infantry Regiment.** For extraordinary heroism in action, on the morning of *** September 1943, near ***, Italy. In the sand dunes near the beach, Sergeant GONZALES discovered the position of a German 88mm gun which was firing on assault boats as they landed. Taking four hand grenades, he crawled toward the gun position. Foot troops, acting as covering protection for the gun, discovered Sergeant GONZALES creeping toward their position and threw hand grenades at him. Sergeant GONZALES continued to crawl forward. Machine guns opened fire on him, and tracers set fire to his pack. He was struck and wounded by grenade fragments, yet he continued his advance until he reached a small sand dune. There he coolly pulled the pins from his grenades and tossed them into the gun position. The grenades ignited the ammunition in the gun position, and Sergeant GONZALES returned and reported the gun out of action. With the gun position neutralized, Sergeant GONZALES' platoon was able to continue its advance, and further landings on the beach were greatly expedited. Sergeant GONZALES' heroism and determination in the face of concentrated enemy fire were an inspiration to all who witnessed his intrepid performance. Entered military service from Fort Davis, Texas.

II AWARDS OF SILVER STAR.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named officers and enlisted men:

✓ **DONALD K. DUWE, (0463766), Captain, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion.** For gallantry in action, on *** September 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy. From his dug-in position on the beach, Captain DUWE observed the explosion of an enemy artillery shell aboard a small landing craft. Three soldiers were thrown into the water by the impact of the shell. Captain DUWE voluntarily left his position of safety to go to the rescue of the victims. Swimming

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through water swept by artillery, machine gun, and small arms fire, and near a burning L.C.M. loaded with exploding ammunition, Captain DUWE reached the sole survivor and aided in bringing him to shore. Later that day, when his position was sprayed with machine gun fire, Captain DUWE silenced the hostile gun by manning the traversing mechanism and directing the fire of a 40mm Bofors gun. His daring and skillful actions under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Lucas, Kansas.

✓CHARLES H. HOLLIS, (0327079), Captain, Headquarters Company, *** Tank Battalion (M). For gallantry in action, near ***, Italy. On the afternoon of *** September 1943, Captain HOLLIS accompanied a tank column as it moved northward along highway ***. The column halted when enemy antitank and machine guns were encountered. Deploying his quarter-ton truck to the side of the road, Captain HOLLIS ran to one of the tanks which he judged to have a clear field of fire in the direction of the enemy weapons. Snipers were extremely active, and enemy machine guns strafed the road. Captain HOLLIS mounted the tank and from this uncovered position directed fire upon the enemy positions. Several bullets struck the turret upon which he was standing, yet he maintained his position until all the enemy guns were silenced. His intuitive appraisal of the situation, his skill in directing the fire, and his aggressive and intrepid spirit were instrumental in the accomplishment of the battalion mission. Entered military service from Rock Hill, South Carolina.

✓ROGER W. MIDDLETON, (0376101), First Lieutenant, Company C, *** Tank Battalion (M). For gallantry in action, on *** September 1943, near ***, Italy. First Lieutenant MIDDLETON, while on a foot reconnaissance to select forward tank positions, was caught in an enemy artillery concentration and suffered a severe shrapnel wound in the arm. Seeing that the enemy was commencing an attack, he returned to his company through a sector under heavy enemy artillery fire. With only one officer under his command, he led his company into action and for two hours he skillfully directed his armor against deadly fire from 88mm guns and enemy tanks which were attacking the battalion from three sides. Despite his perilous position and his painful wound, First Lieutenant MIDDLETON handled the 17 tanks under his command in an exceedingly competent yet daring manner. Not until his mission was accomplished did he report his wound and submit to hospitalization. First Lieutenant MIDDLETON'S courage and his calm, positive action in the face of deadly enemy fire inspired his company to turn back a forceful enemy threat to the solidarity of the beach-head. Entered military service from South Bond, Indiana.

✓JOHN R. KELSO, (17077263), Sergeant, Battery A, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action, on *** September 1943, near ***, Italy. Sergeant KELSO voluntarily left his safely dug-in position on the beach to go to the aid of three soldiers who had been thrown from their landing barge by the impact of artillery fire. Swimming through water swept by artillery, machine gun and small arms fire, and near a burning L.C.M. loaded with exploding ammunition, Sergeant KELSO reached the lone survivor and assisted in bringing him to shore. His courage under fire and his concern for the safety of a

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fellow soldier are representative of the high traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Springfield, Missouri.

✓ **CHARLES W. MOFFETT, JR.**, (5686148), Corporal, Battery D, *** Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (AW). For gallantry in action, on *** September 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Corporal MOFFETT voluntarily left his dug-in position on the beach to go to the rescue of three men who were thrown from their small landing craft by the impact of artillery fire. Through water swept by artillery, machine gun, and small arms fire, Corporal MOFFETT swam to the only surviving victim and assisted in bringing him safely to shore. In making this rescue, Corporal MOFFETT was further endangered by having to swim near a burning L.C.M. loaded with exploding .50 caliber ammunition. His bravery and willingness to sacrifice himself to aid a fellow soldier exemplify the high traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

✓ **RONZIL E. FACEMIRE**, (35390937), Private, Medical Detachment, *** Antiaircraft Battalion. For gallantry in action, on the beachhead of ***, Italy, on *** September 1943. Preceding all other medical aid men on *** Beach, Private FACEMIRE immediately began his task of rendering first aid to wounded infantrymen, engineers, and antiaircraft men who had fallen before withering enemy fire during the initial assault. Working in terrain exposed to enemy fire from hill positions only two hundred yards distant, Private FACEMIRE searched for and gave aid to wounded soldiers, at all times completely disregarding his own personal safety. He dragged the wounded to covered positions whenever possible, and dug protective trenches while completely exposed to enemy fire for those he deemed it inadvisable to move. Throughout the day, under continuous enemy fire, he rendered first aid and assisted in evacuating the wounded. Private FACEMIRE'S courage under fire, his steadfast performance of duty, and his loyalty to his comrades exemplify the finest traditions of the American Soldier. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

III AWARDS OF PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named enlisted men:

✓ **KENNETH A. PUNCHES**, (35018850), Private First Class, Headquarters *** Battalion, *** Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on *** December 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Home address: Wauseon, Ohio. (Medal Number 229322)

✓ **JAMES R. SMITH**, (34607140), Private, Company C, *** Infantry Regiment. For wounds received in action on *** December 1943, near Hill ***, Italy. Home address: Charlotte, North Carolina. (Medal Number 233139)

✓ **JOHN (NMI) GRAZILOE**, (32366303), Private, 2nd Company, *** Regiment, *** Special Service Force. For wounds received in action on *** December 1943, at ***, Italy. Home address: Camden, New Jersey. (Medal Number 233144)

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CHARLES L. WHITNEY, (31002544), Private First Class, 601st Clearing Company, *** Medical Battalion. For wounds received in action on *** November 1943, in the vicinity of ***, Italy. Home address: Wakefield, Massachusetts.

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